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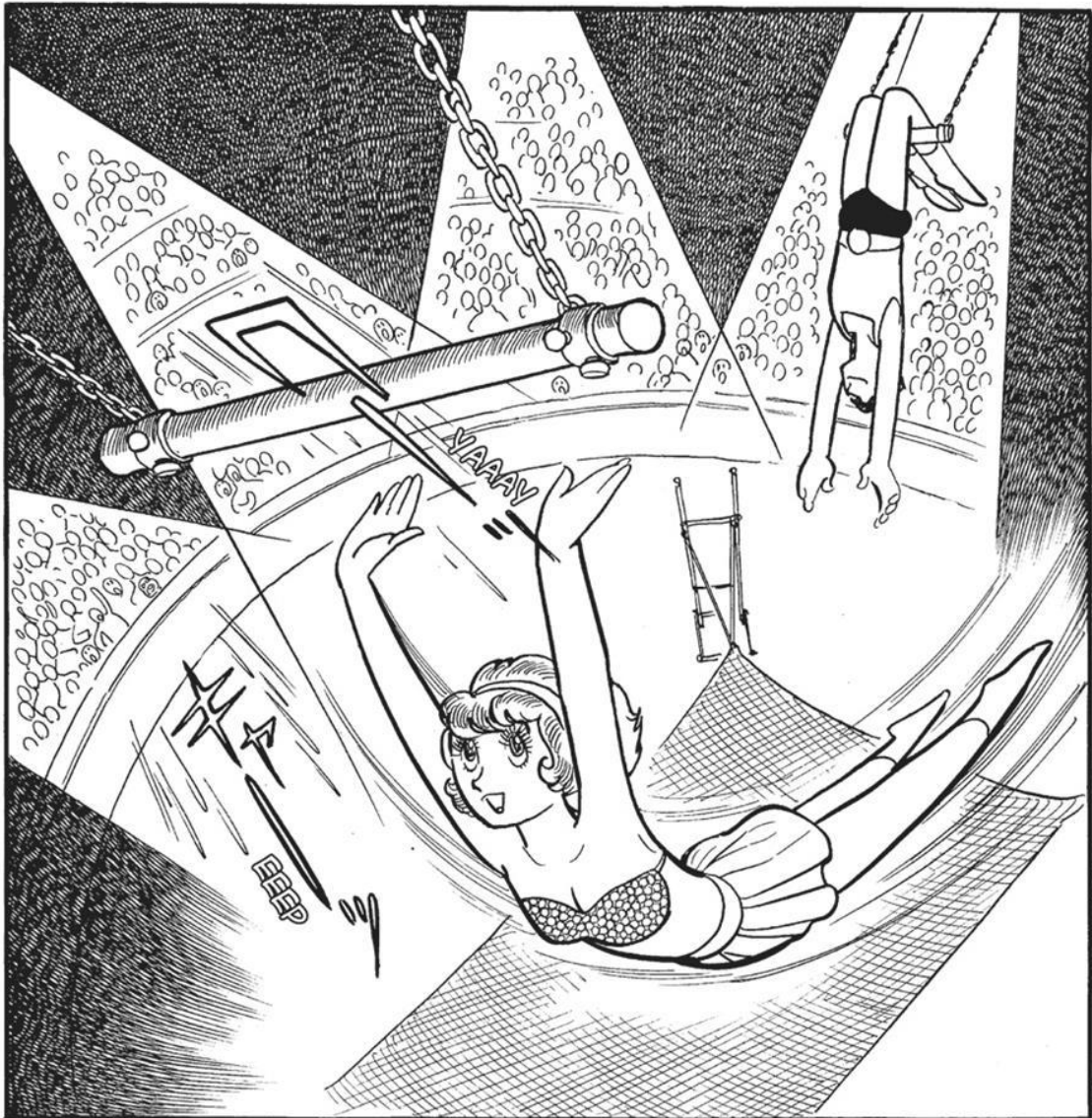
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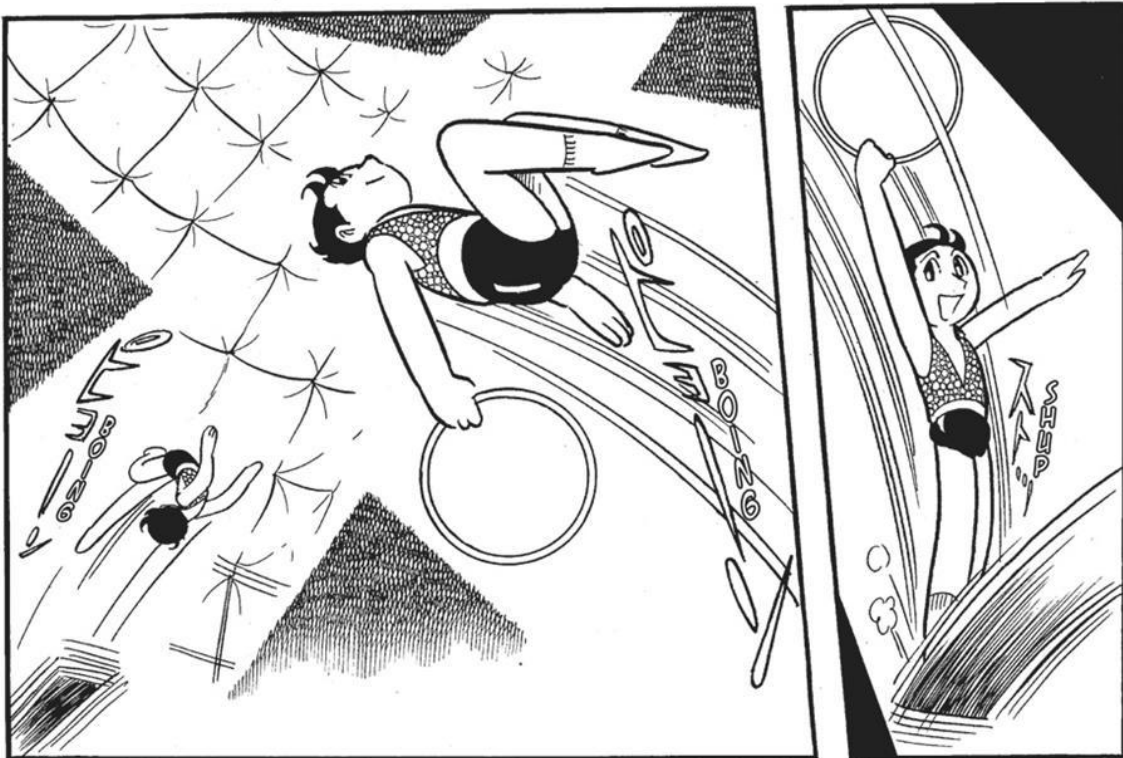
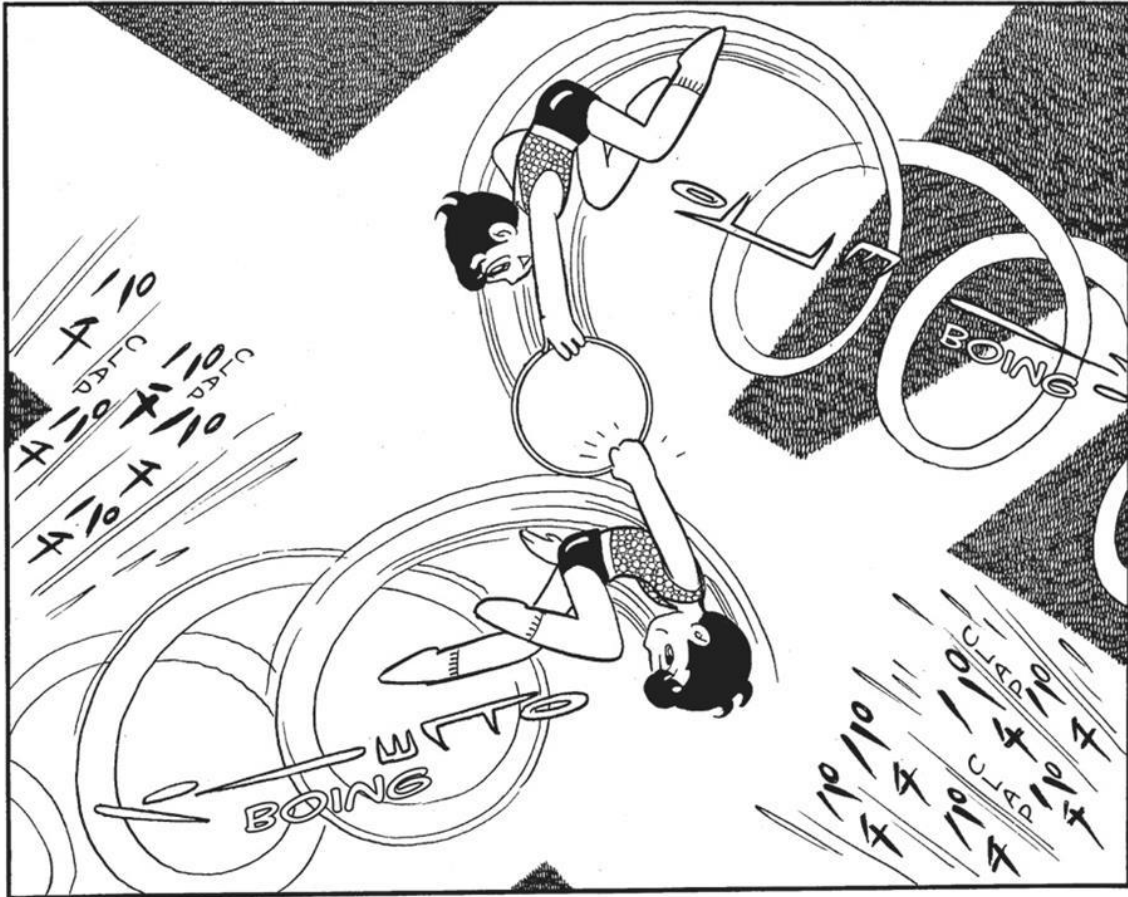
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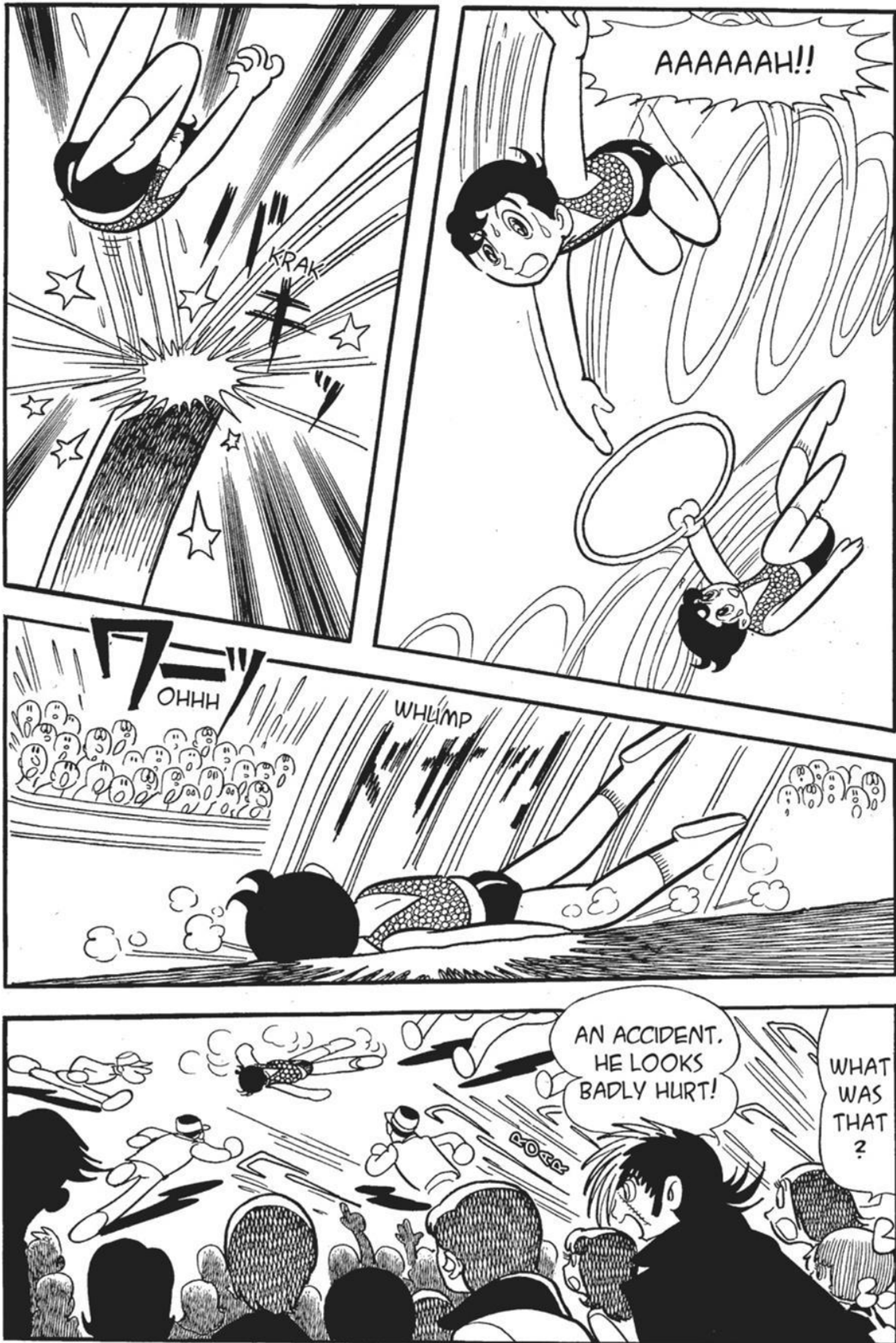
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## THE CORSICAN BROTHERS

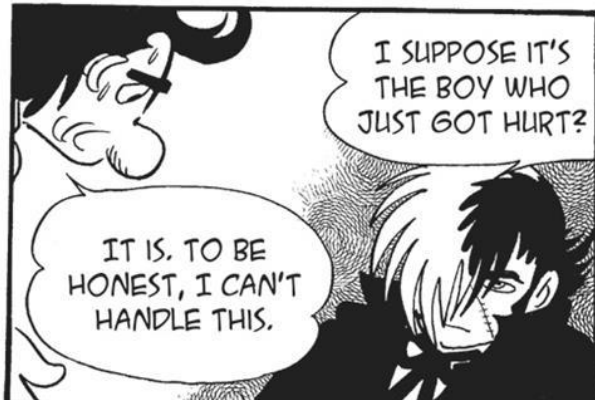
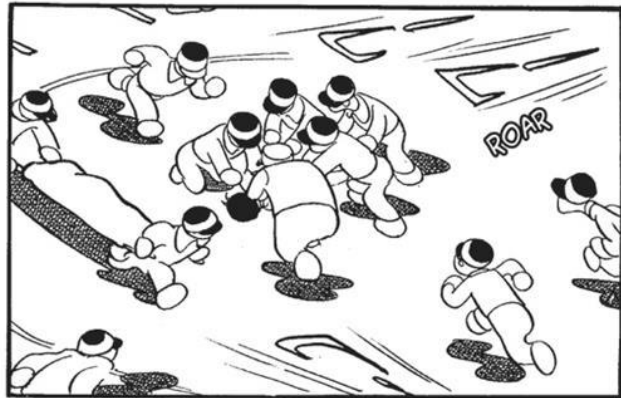






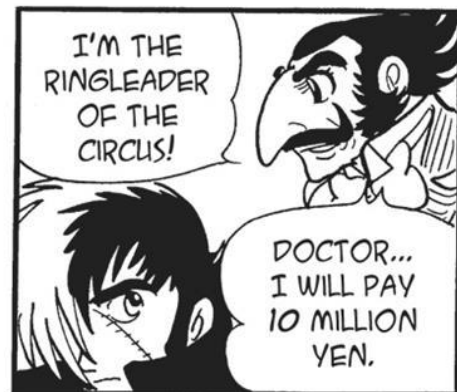


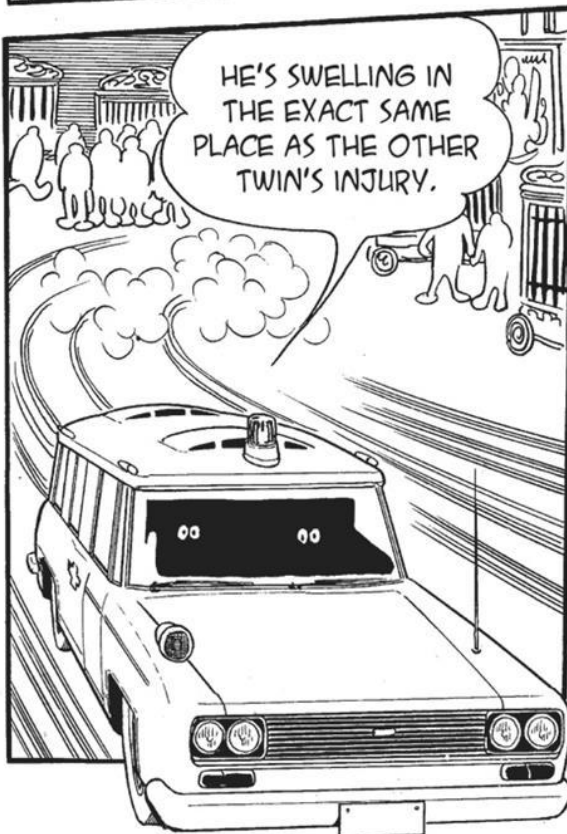


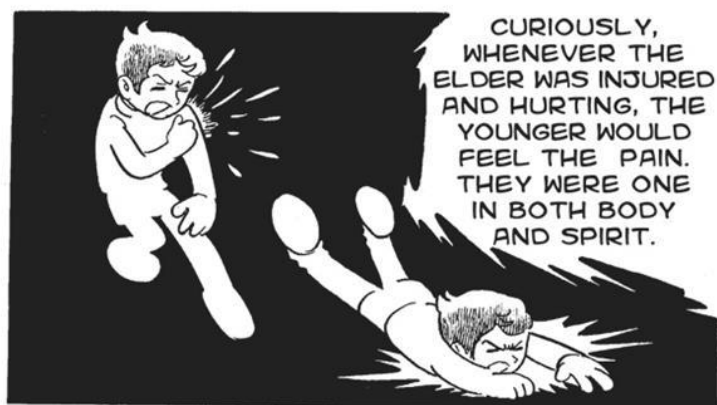
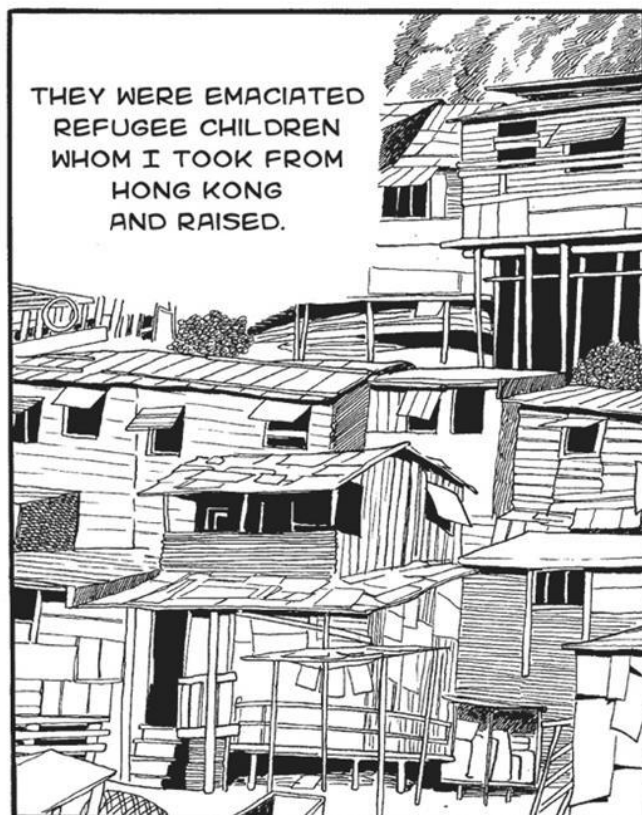
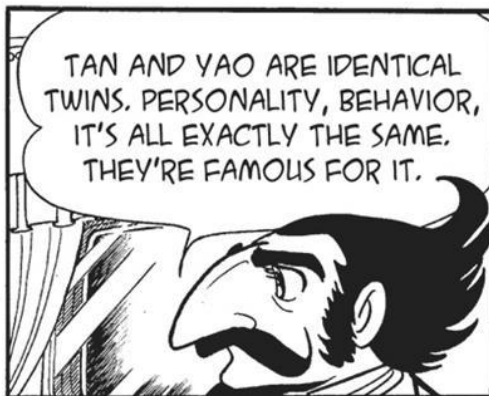


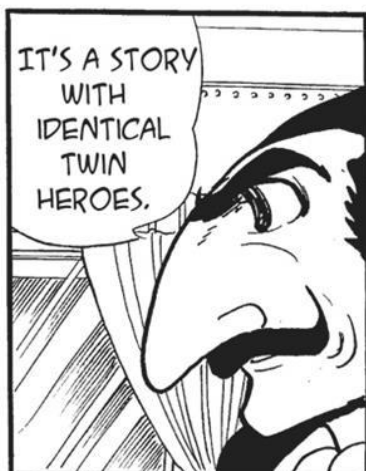
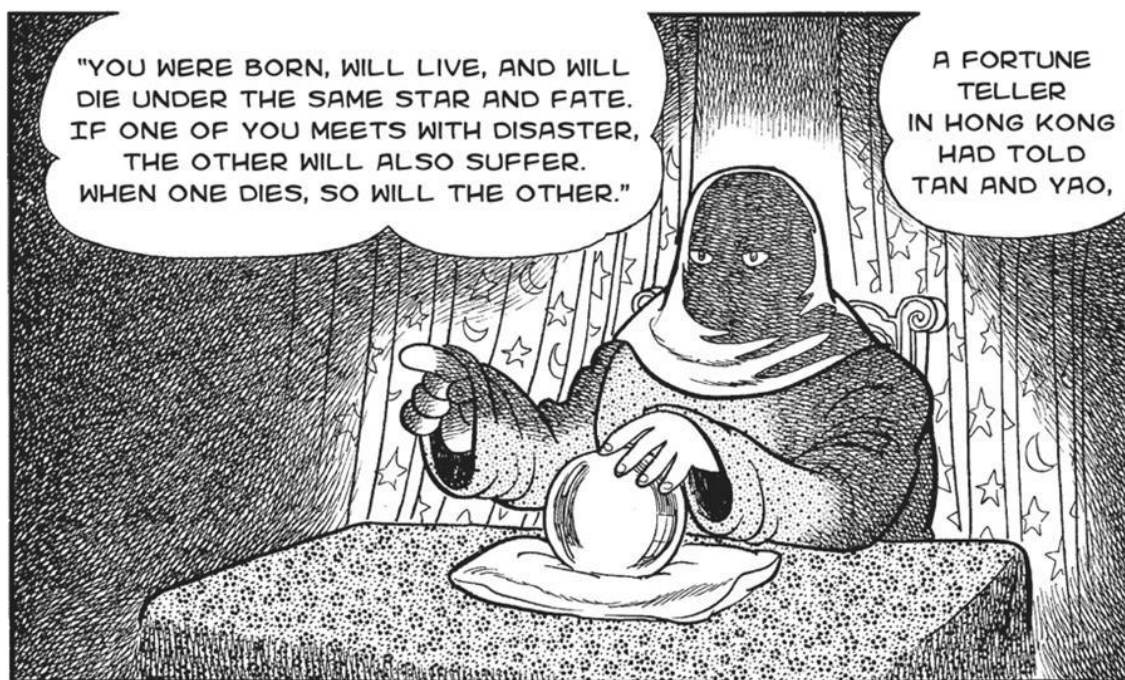
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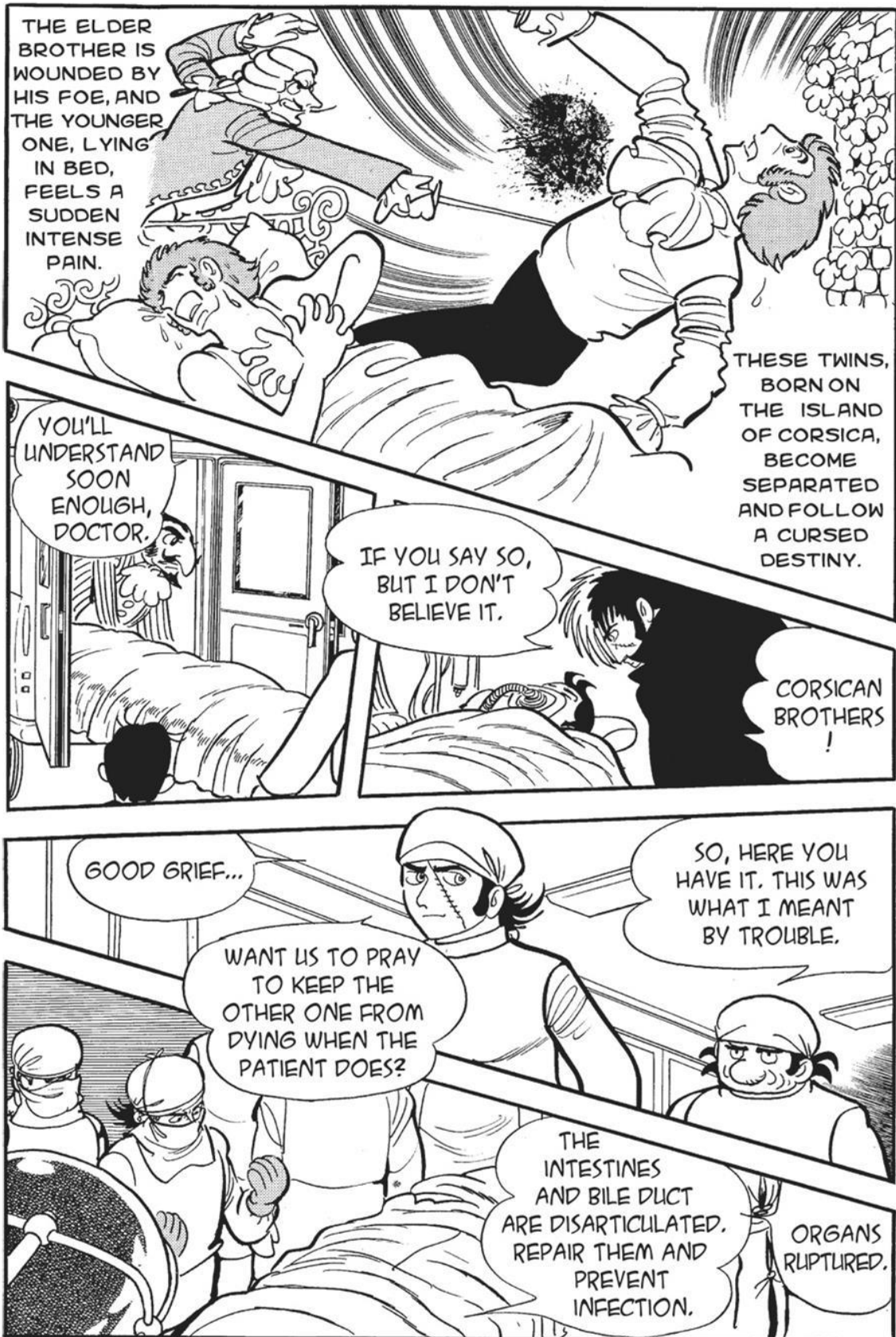


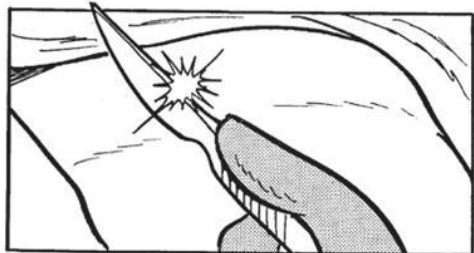
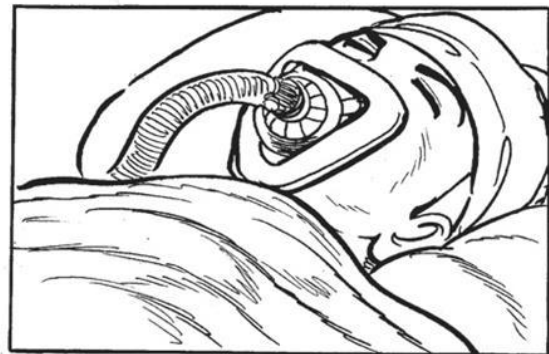
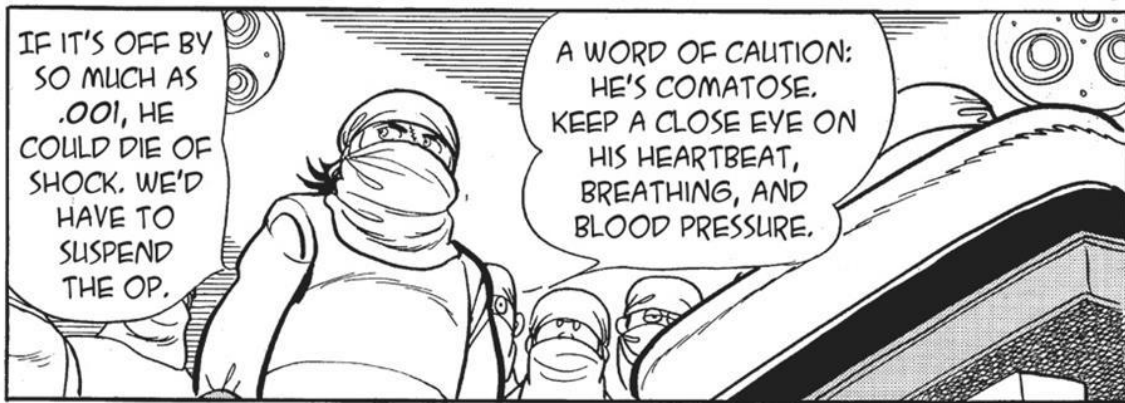


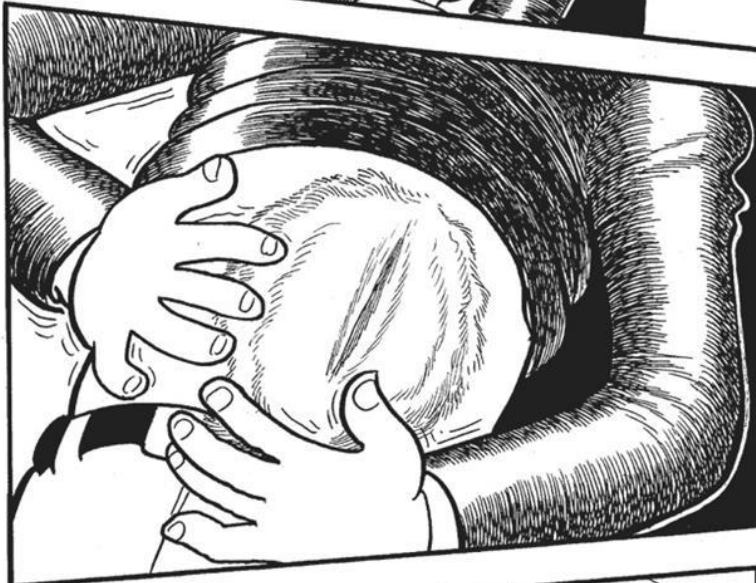






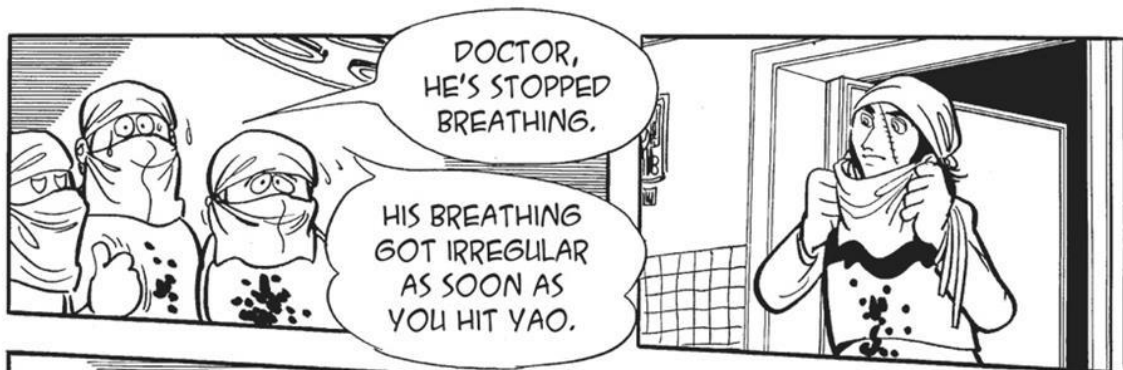




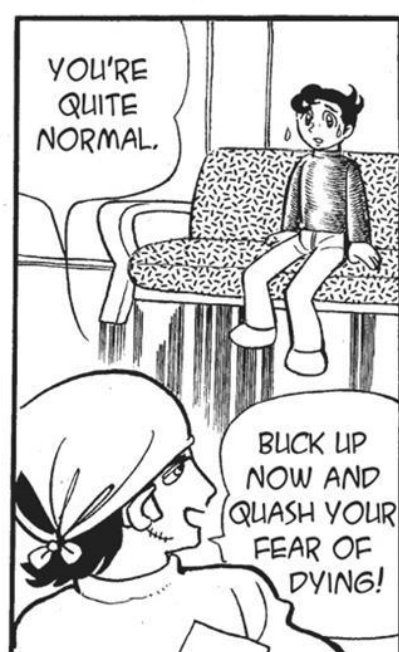
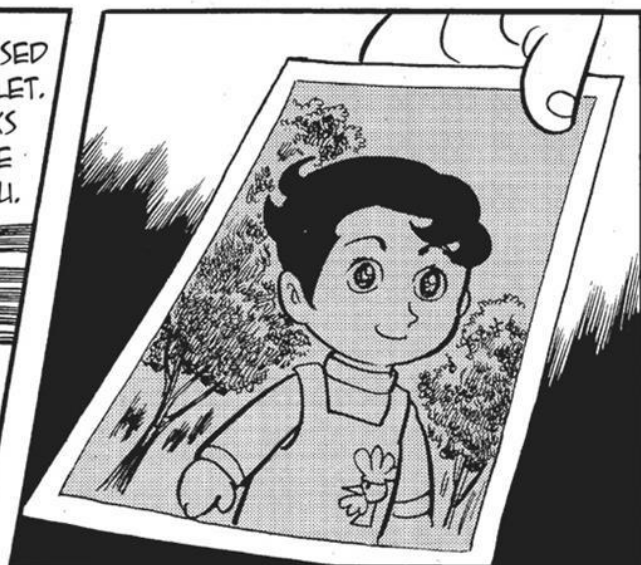
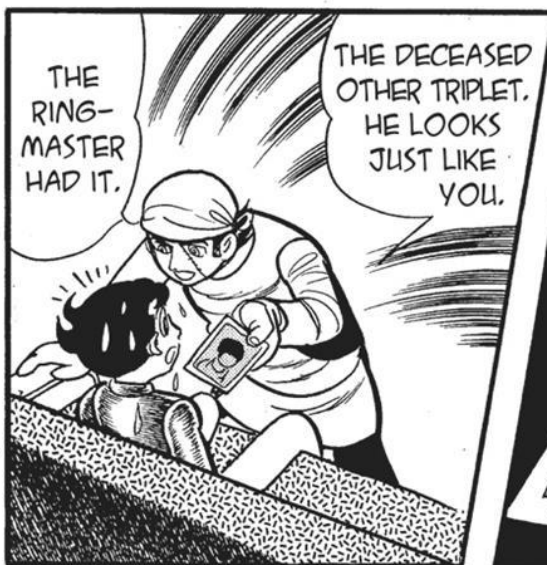




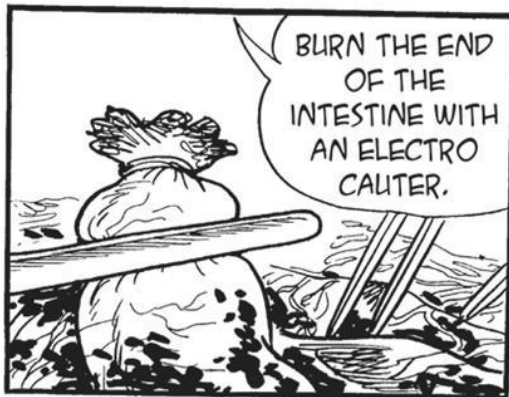






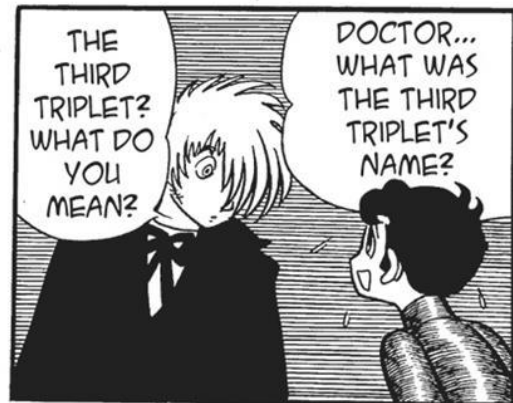




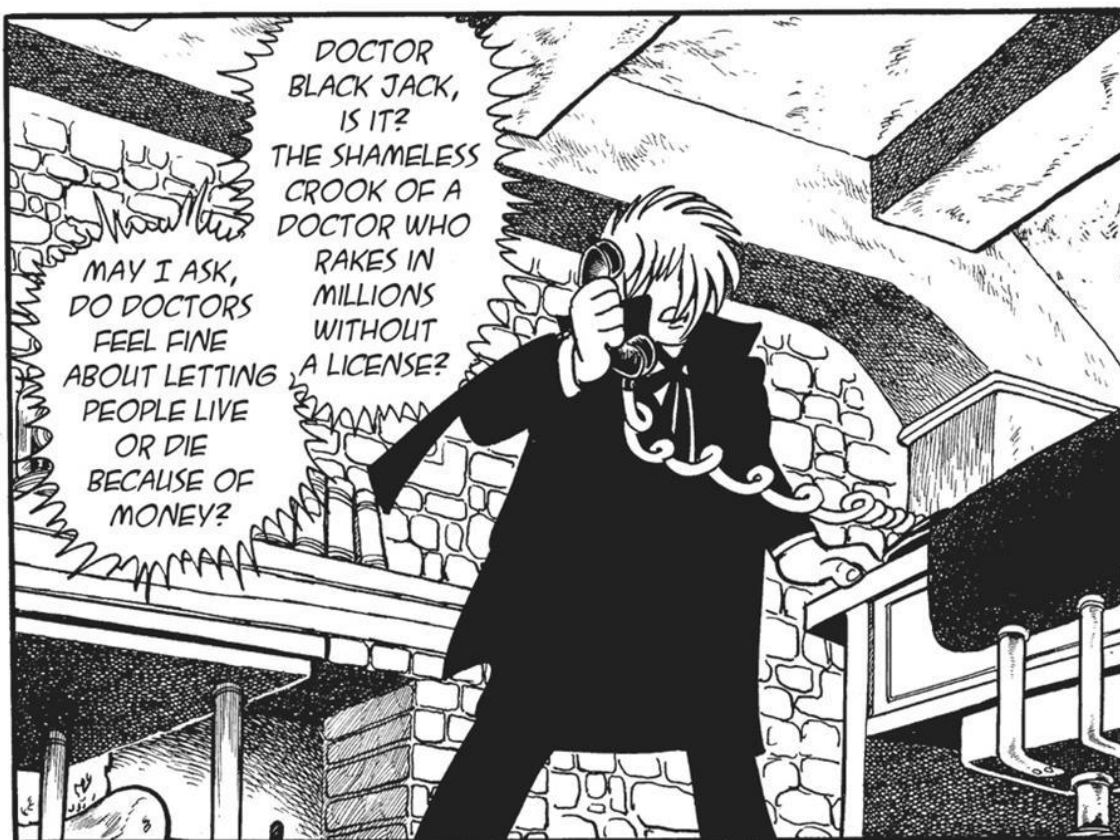


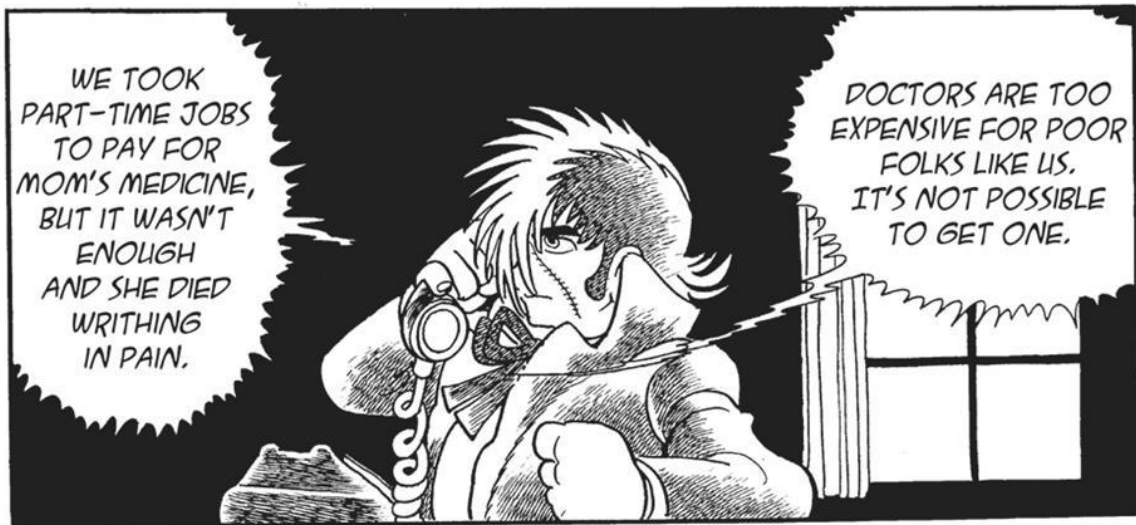






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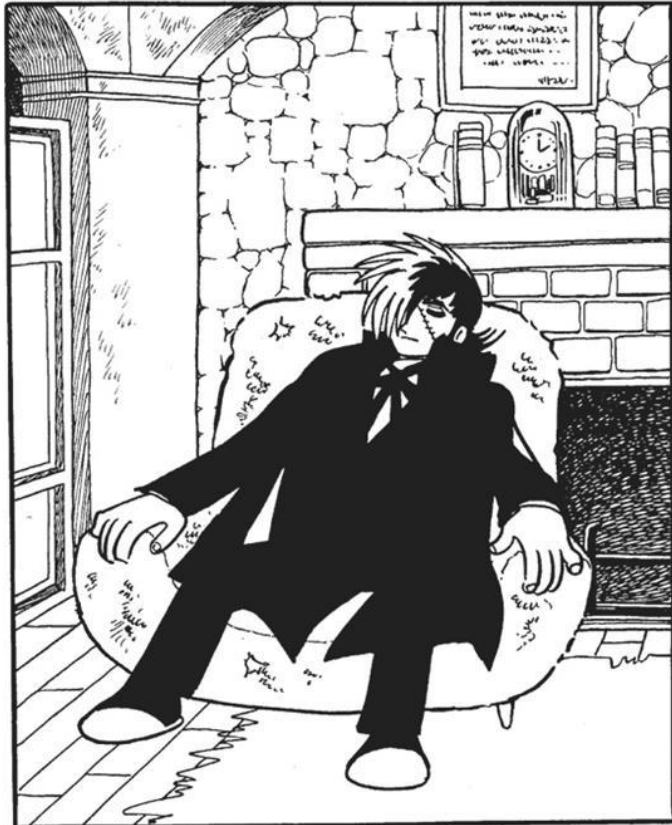
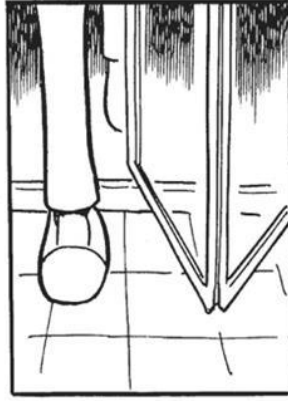
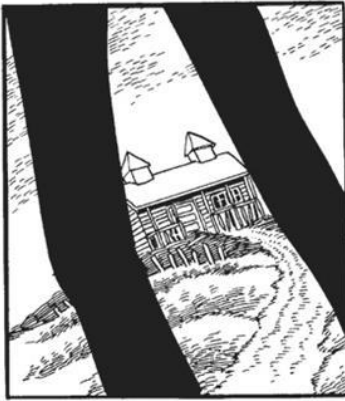


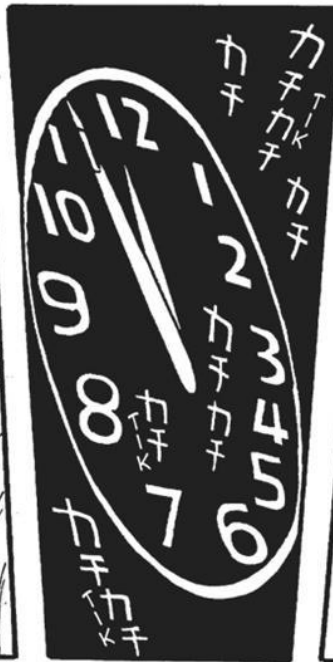
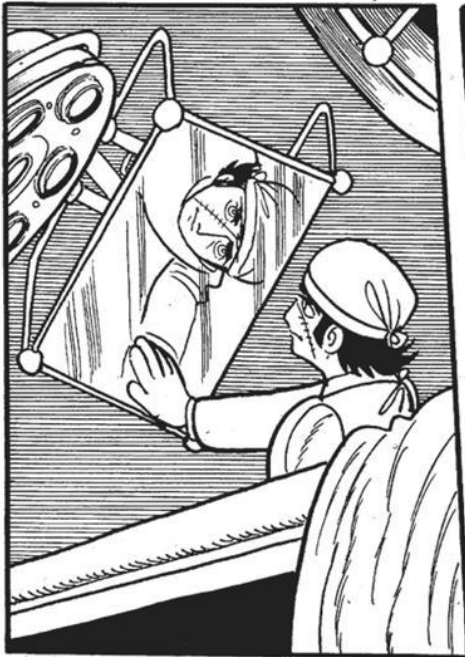




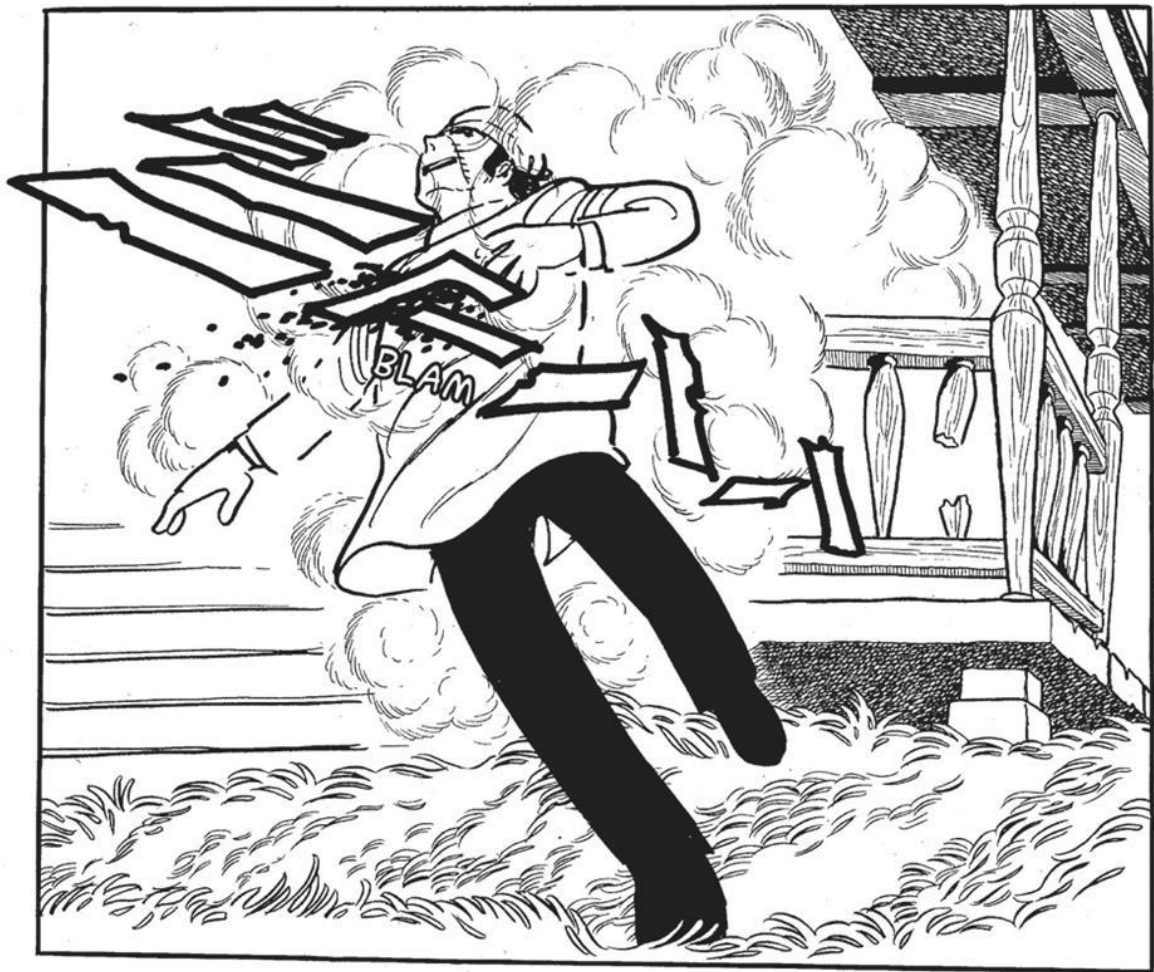




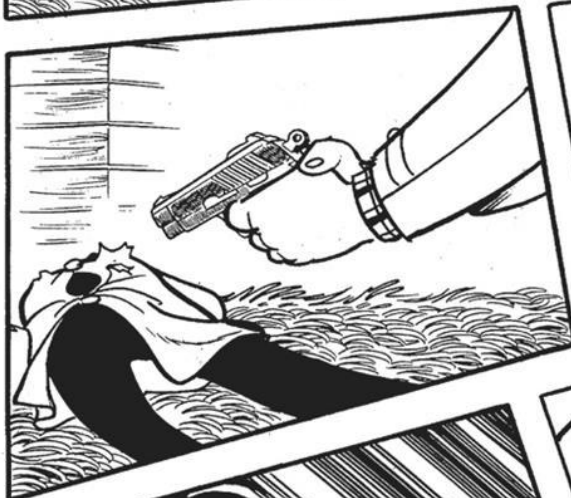
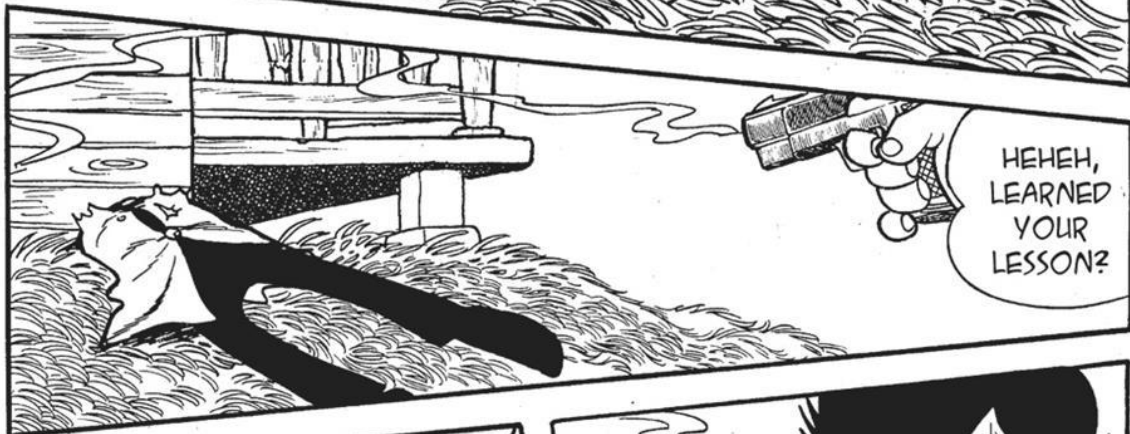


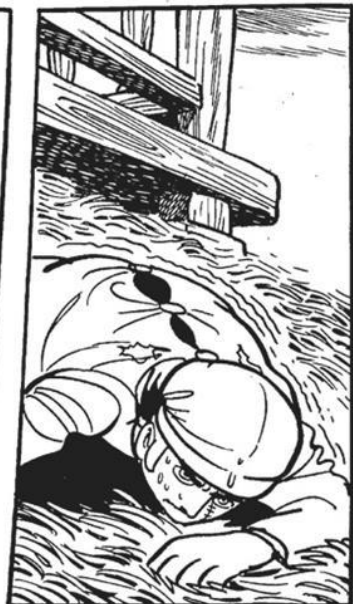
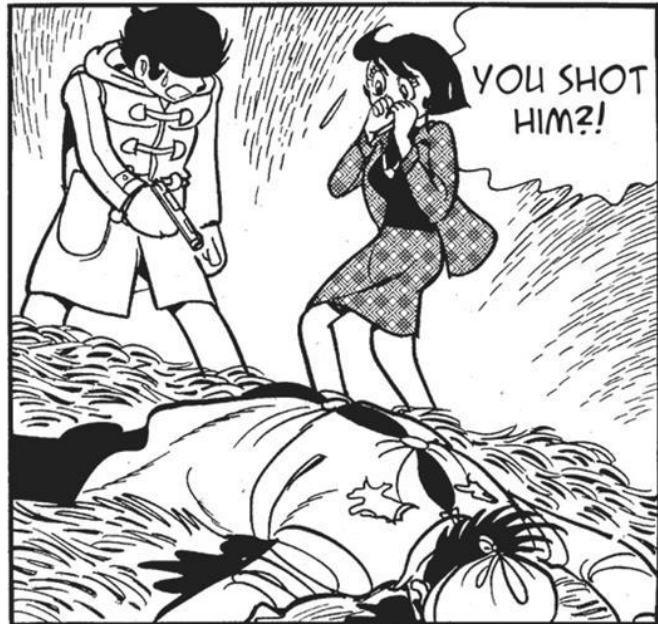




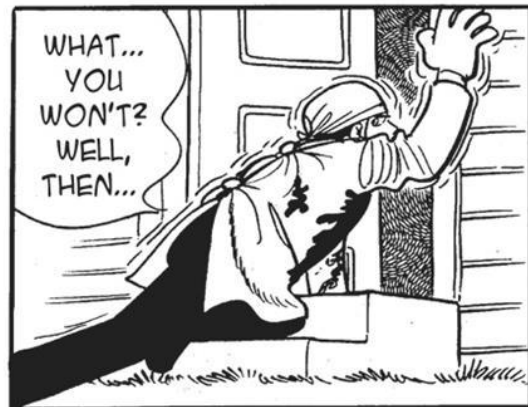




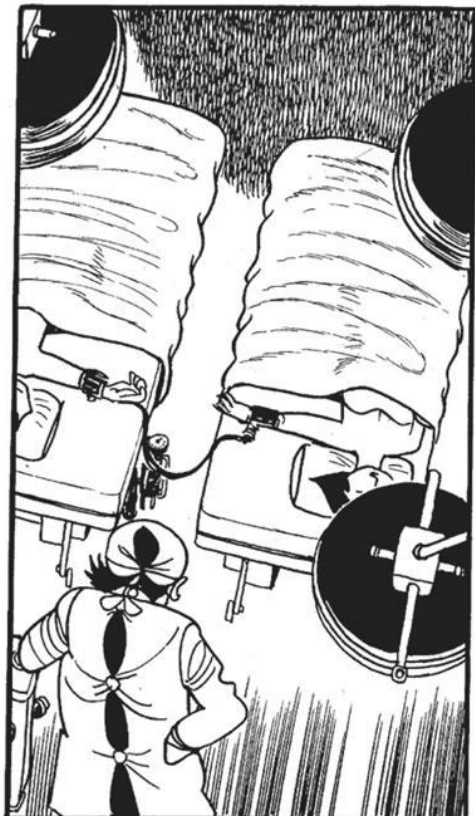
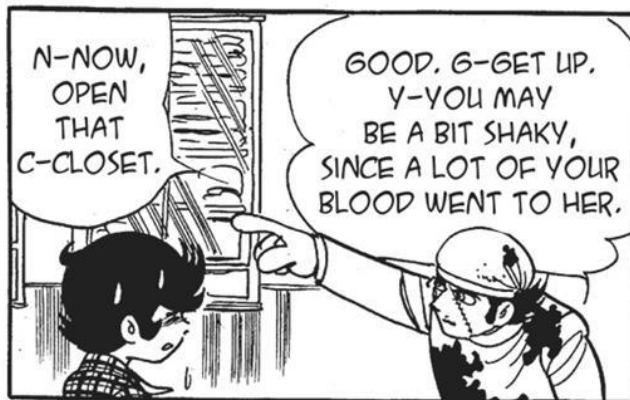






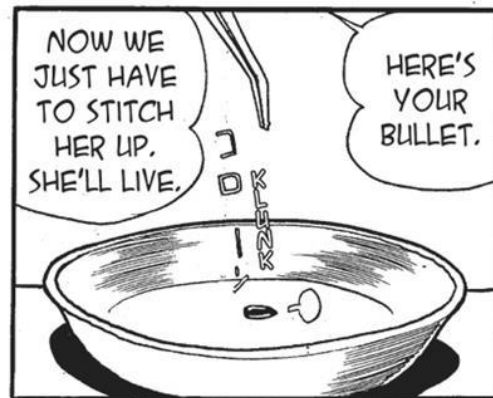
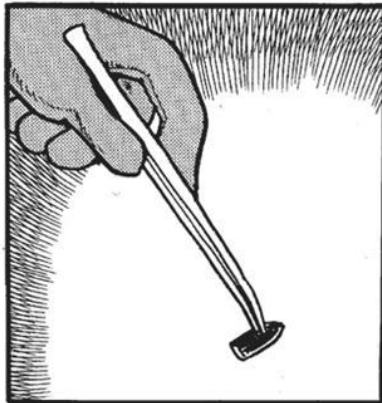
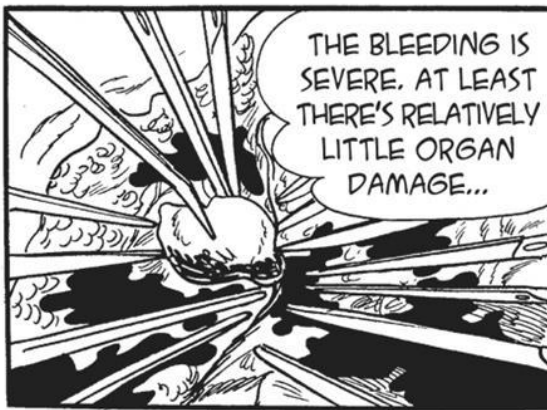


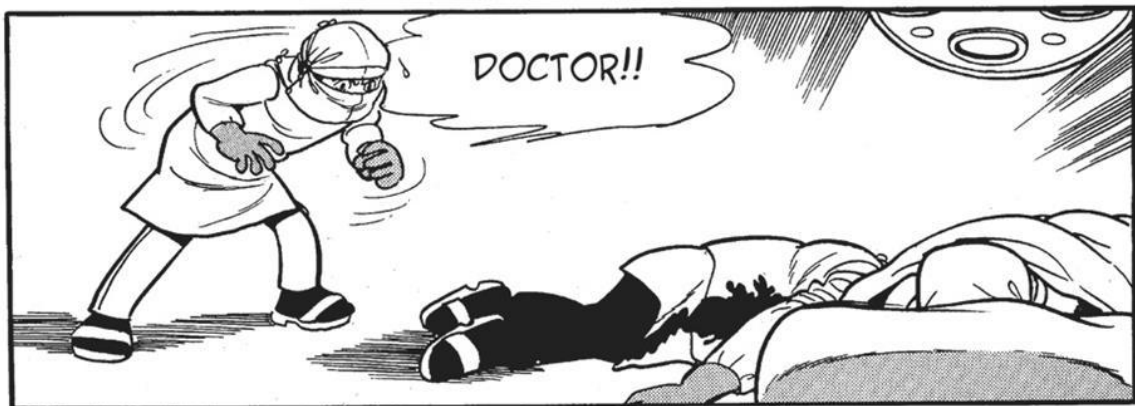


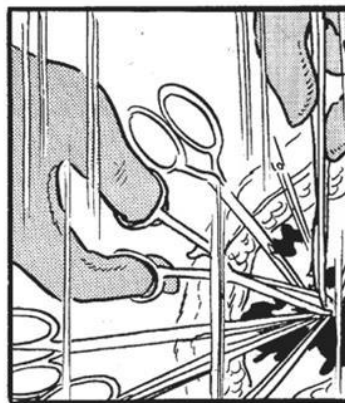
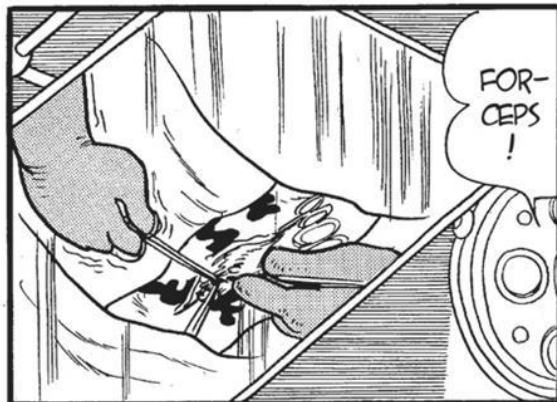










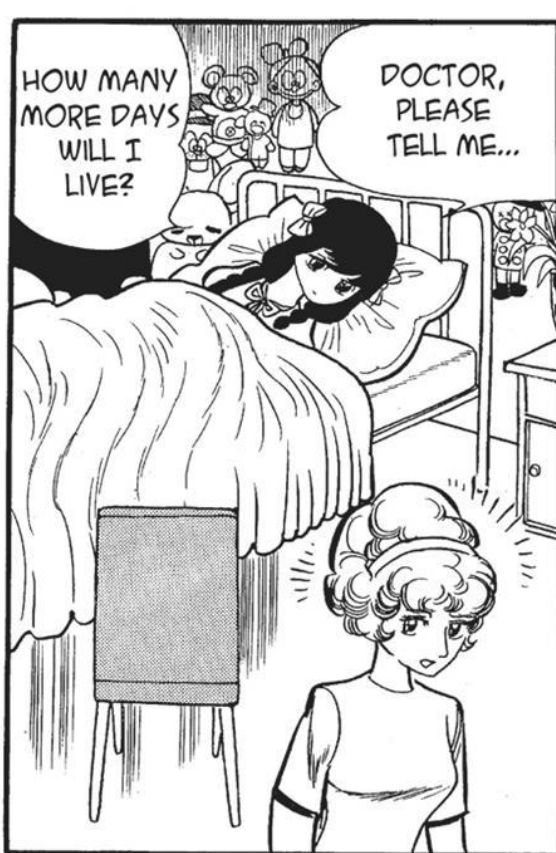
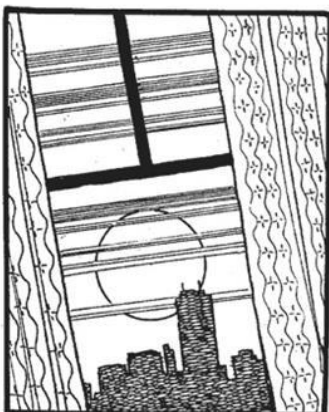
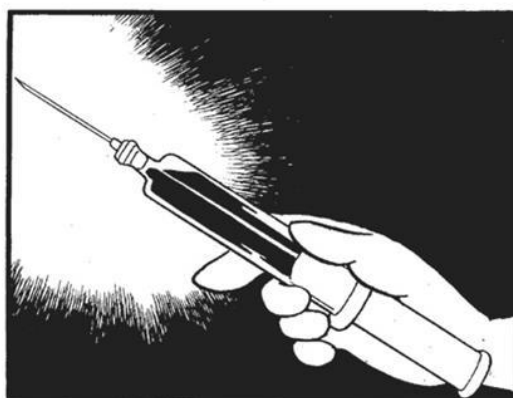
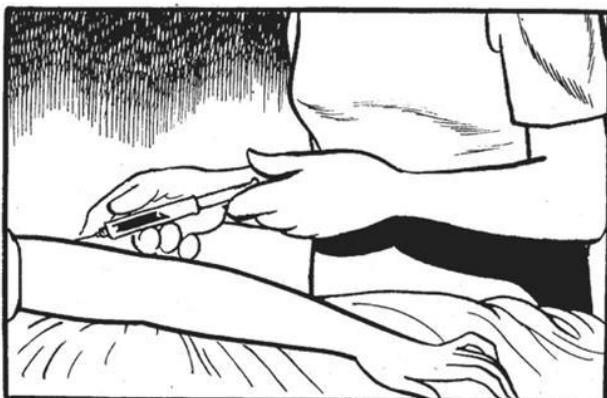








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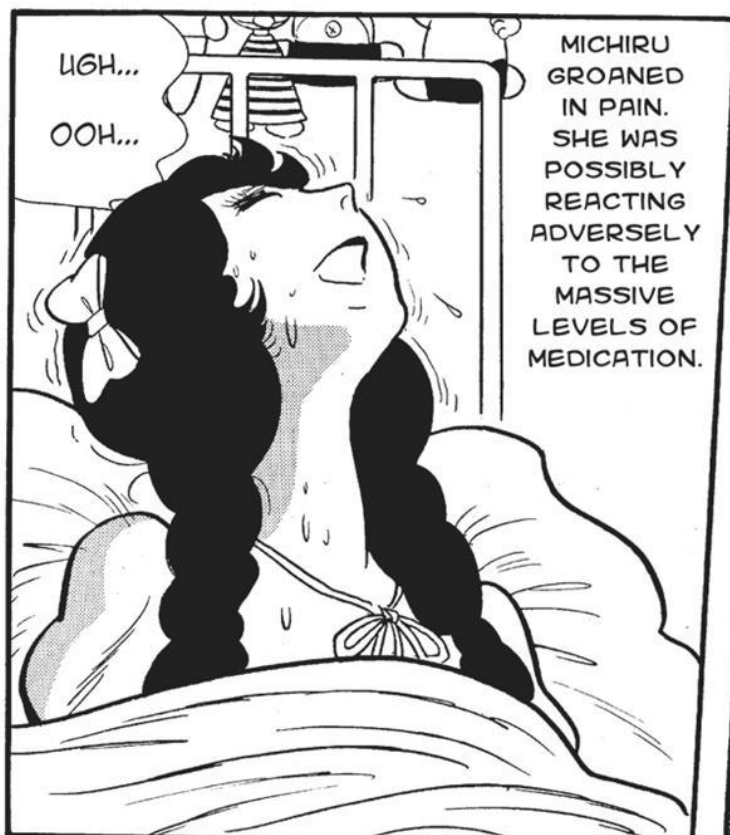
OF COURSE,  
MICHIRU!  
P-PAPA WILL  
ASK HIM  
FOR YOU.

THIS IS  
CRAZY  
...



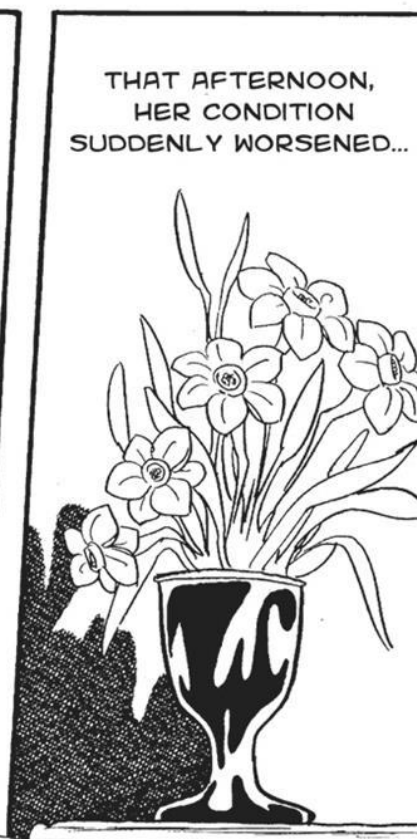
ISN'T  
THAT  
SPLENDID,  
LIKE A  
FAIRY  
TALE?

I'LL MARRY  
THE NEXT MAN  
WHO COMES INTO  
THIS ROOM.



UGH...  
OOH...

MICHIRU  
GROANED  
IN PAIN.  
SHE WAS  
POSSIBLY  
REACTING  
ADVERSELY  
TO THE  
MASSIVE  
LEVELS OF  
MEDICATION.



THAT AFTERNOON,  
HER CONDITION  
SUDDENLY WORSENERD...



I WANT TO  
GRANT  
MICHIRU'S WISH.

M-ME,  
MARRY  
YOUR  
DAUGHTER  
?



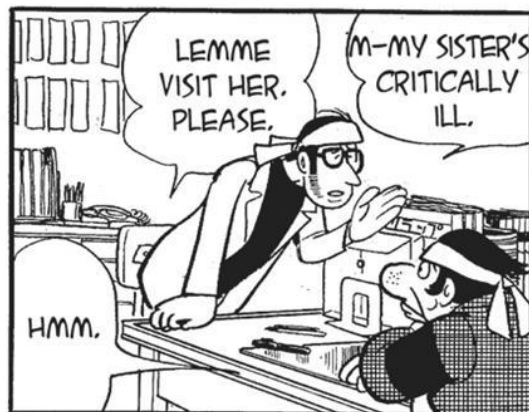
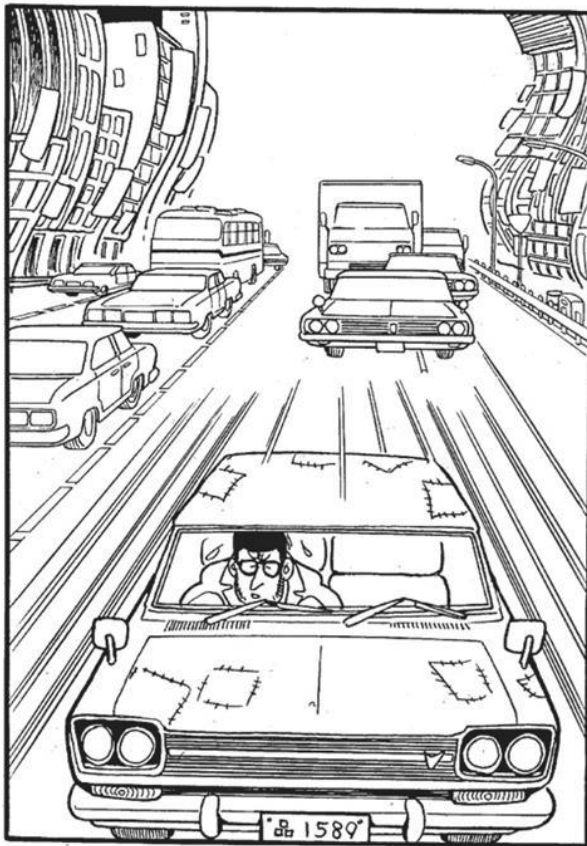
THAT IS HOW  
IT STANDS,  
MR. KUMA.



PAPA... MAMA...  
LET ME MARRY  
SOON... I WON'T  
MAKE IT...

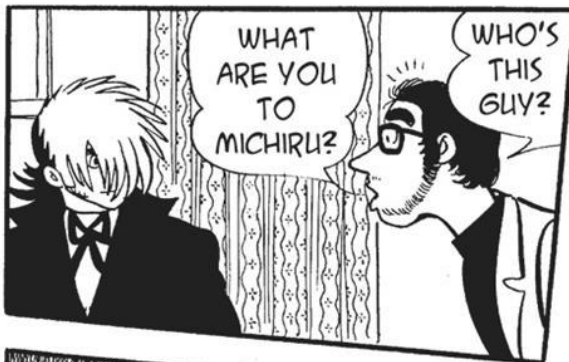
SHE  
WAS  
IN THE  
FINAL  
STAGES  
...

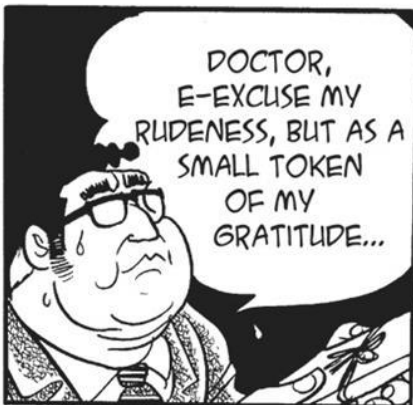
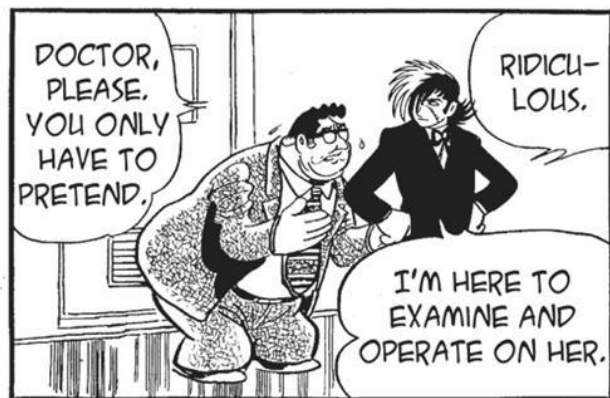




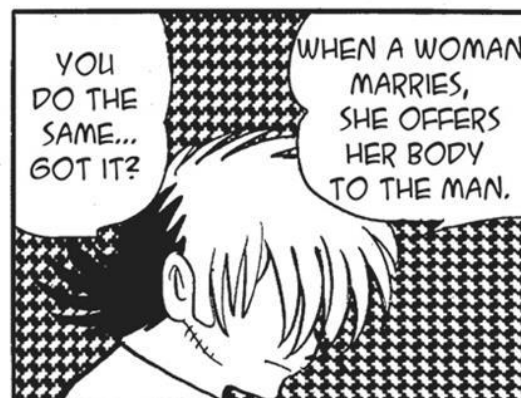


NOTE: THE PATIENT'S NAME REFERENCES THE BLUE BIRD, MAURICE MAETERLINCK'S 1908 PLAY ABOUT A BROTHER AND SISTER WHO SEEK HAPPINESS. "MICHIRU" IS THE JAPANESE transliteration of MYTYL, WHILE THE KANJI FOR "AOTORI" MEAN BLUE AND BIRD.

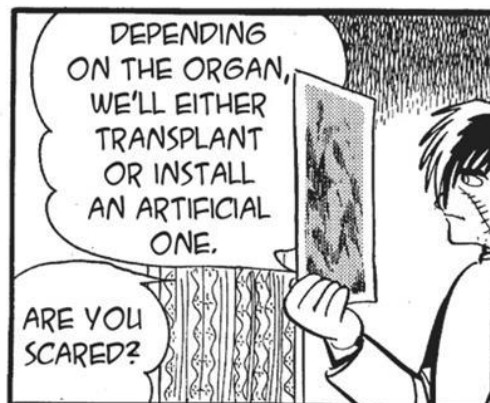


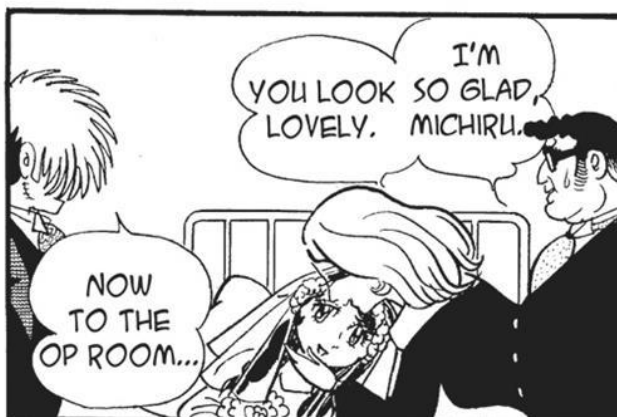
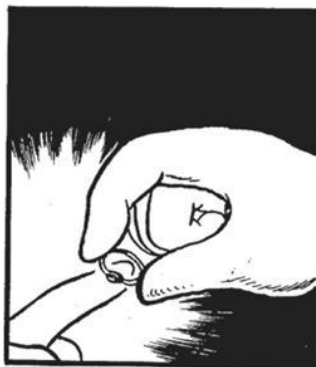
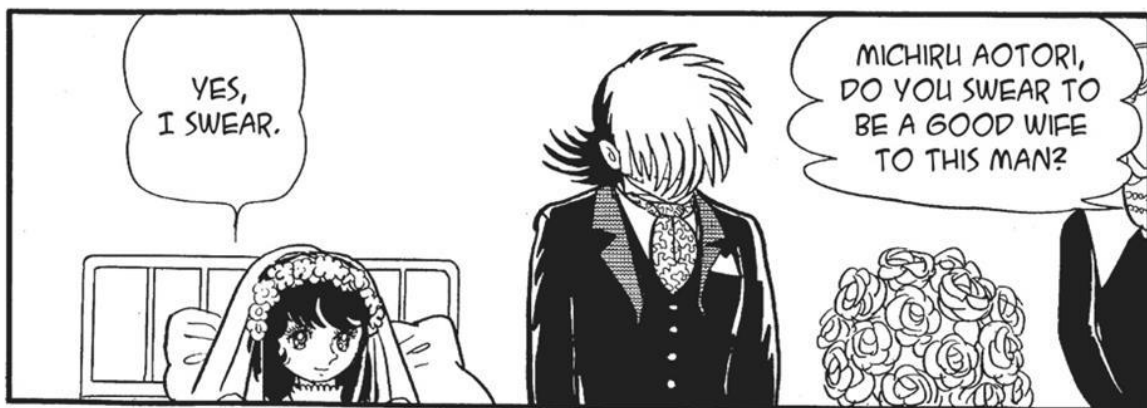


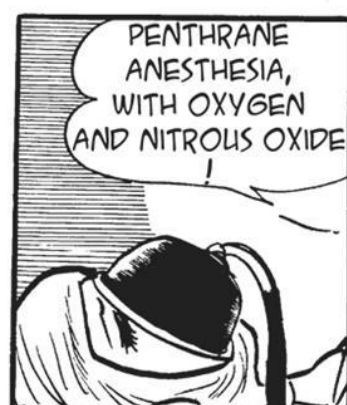
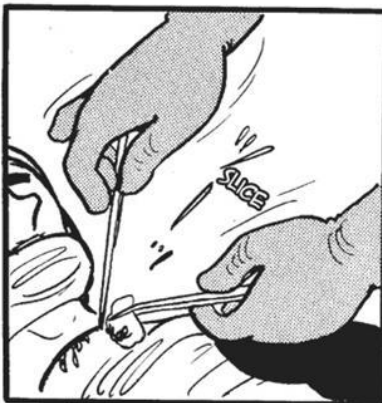
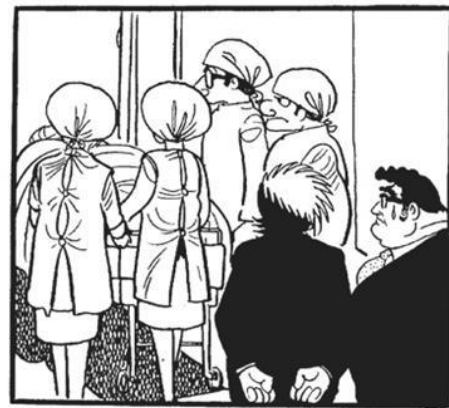


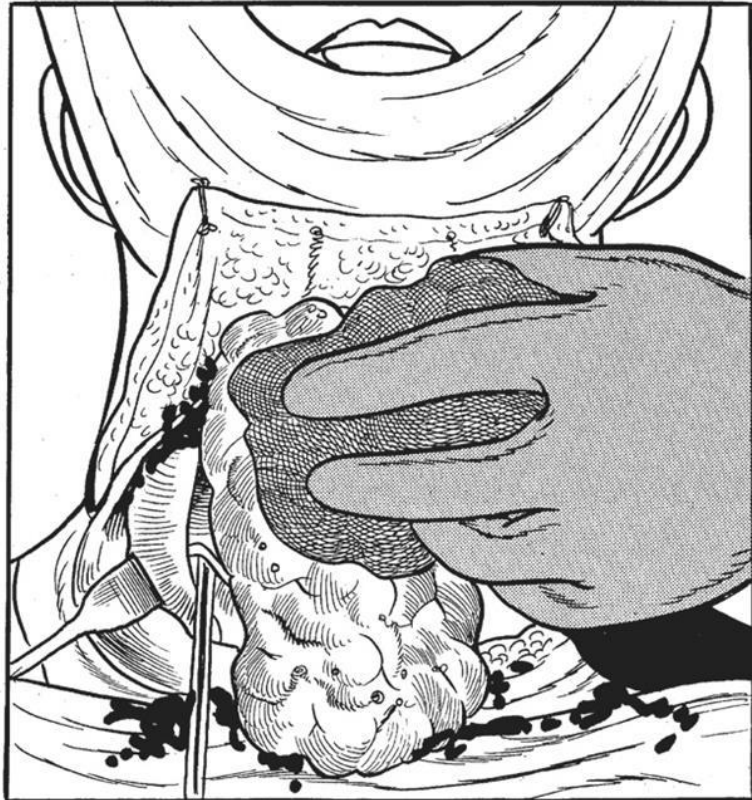
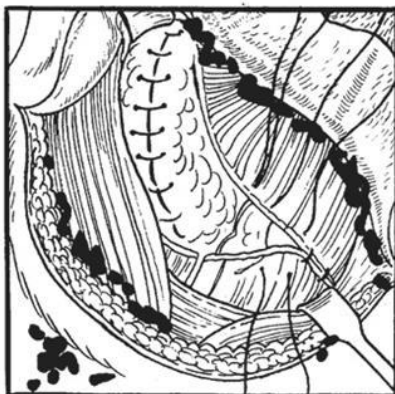
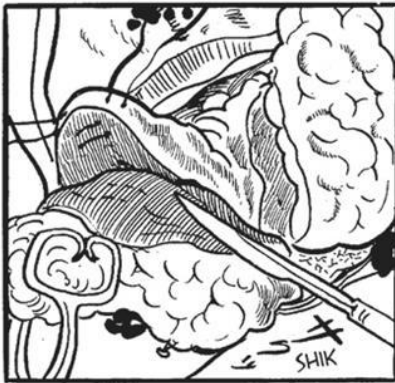
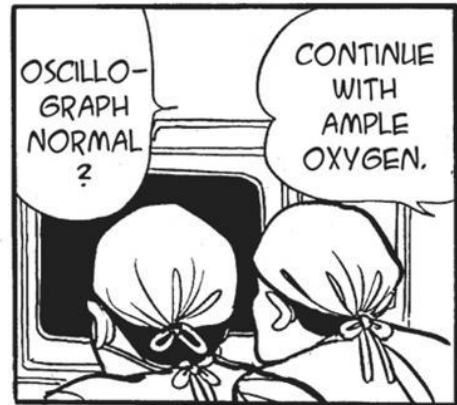
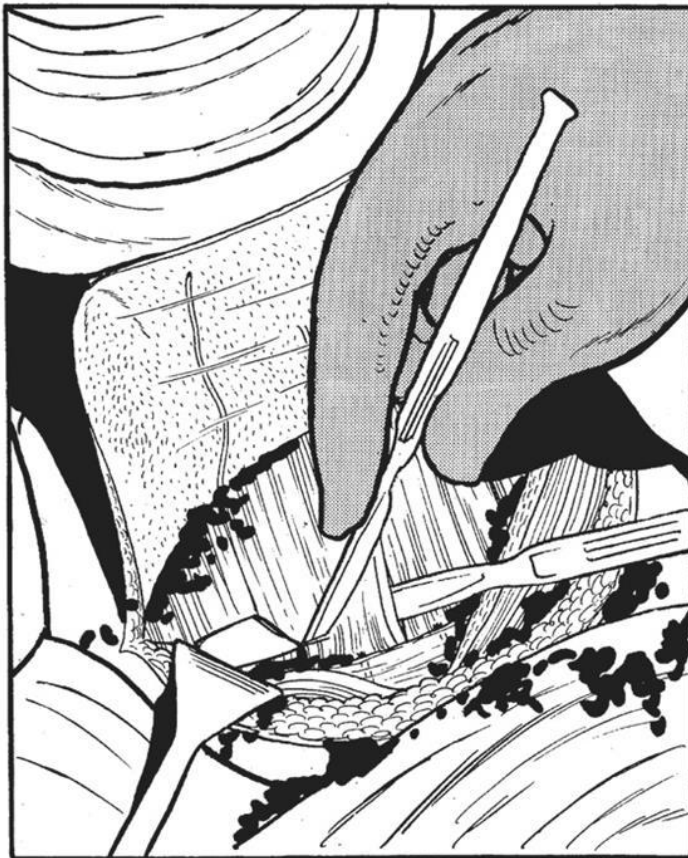




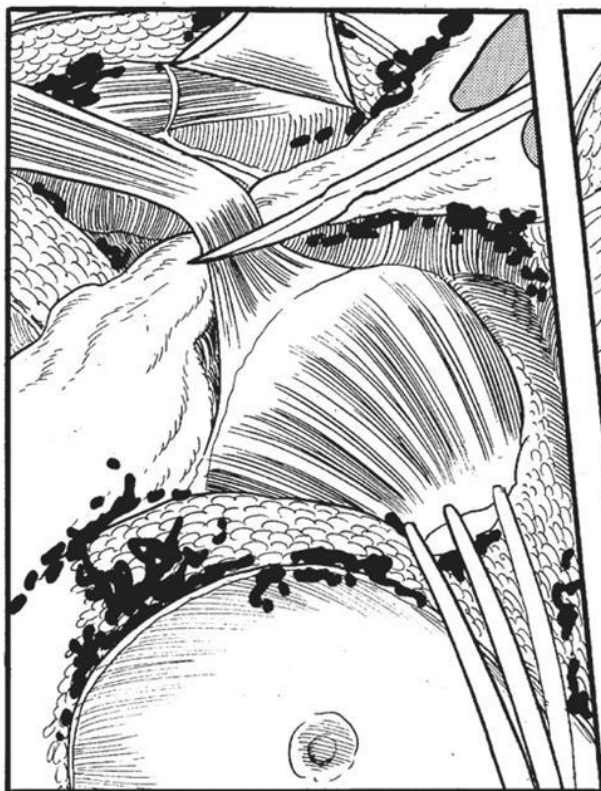
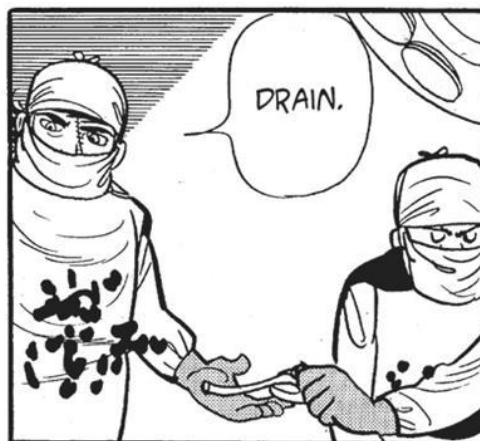
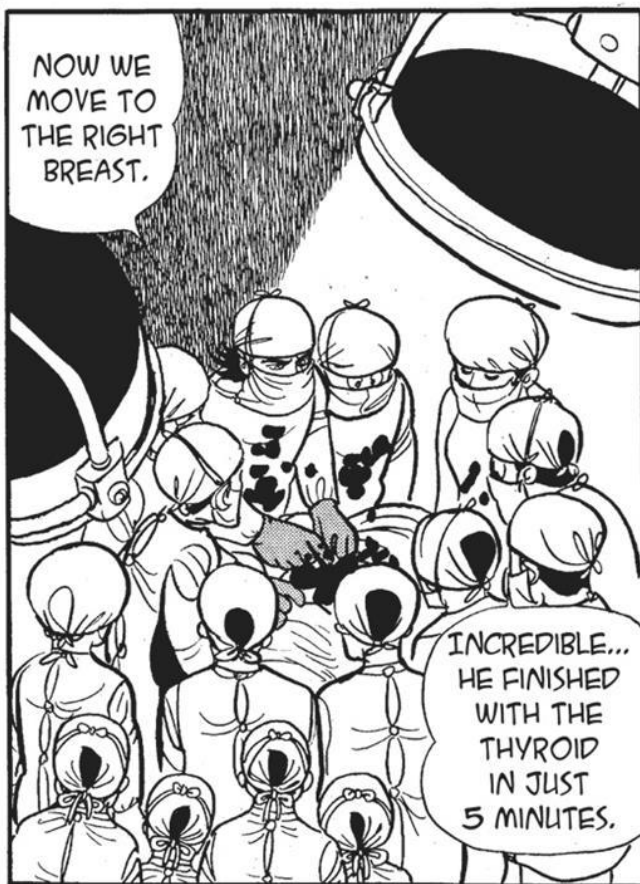




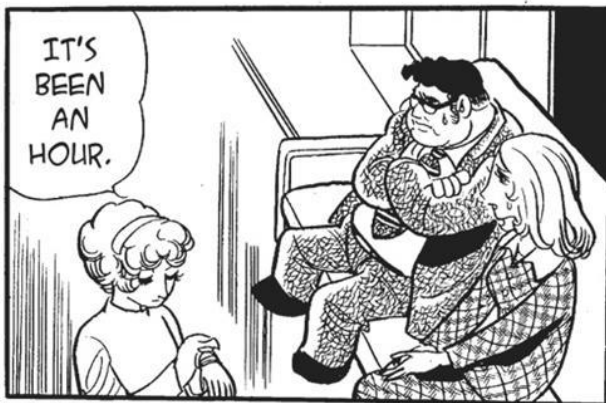


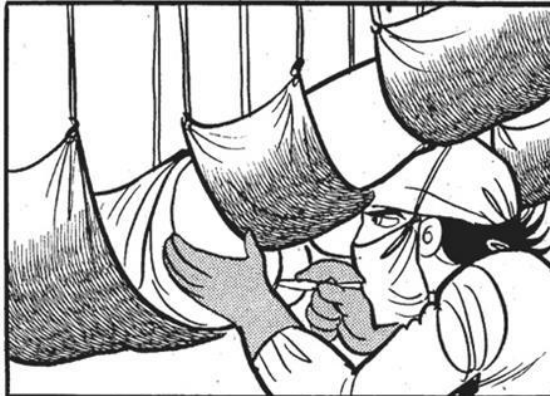
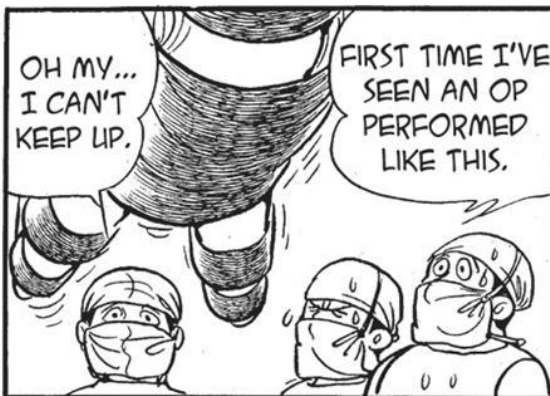


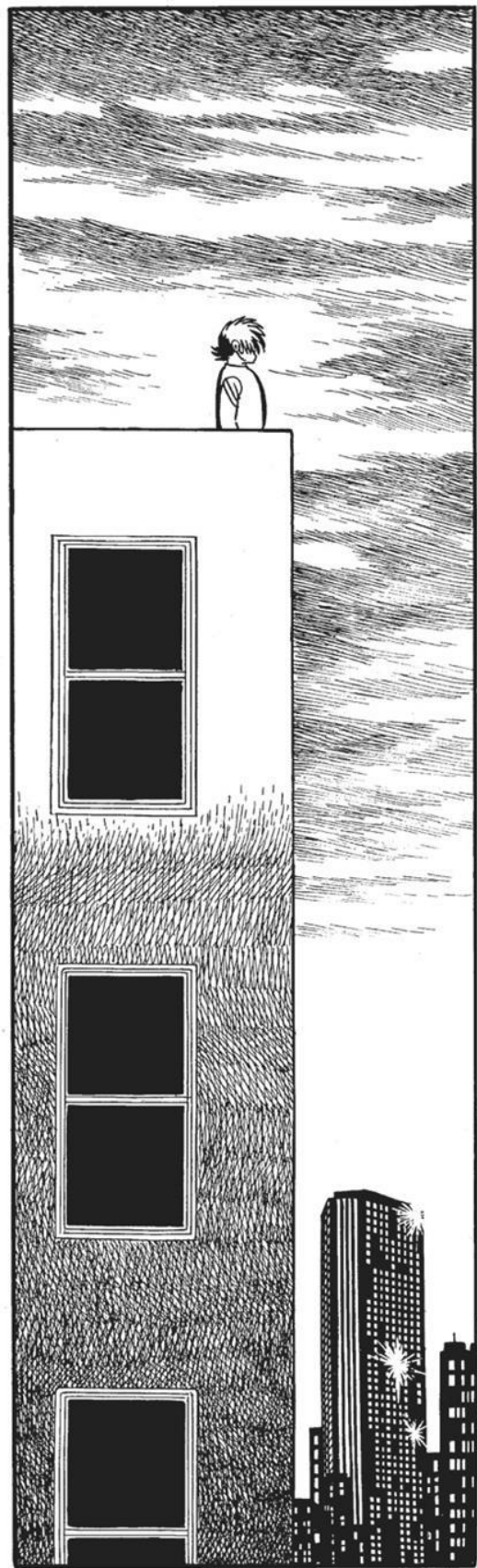
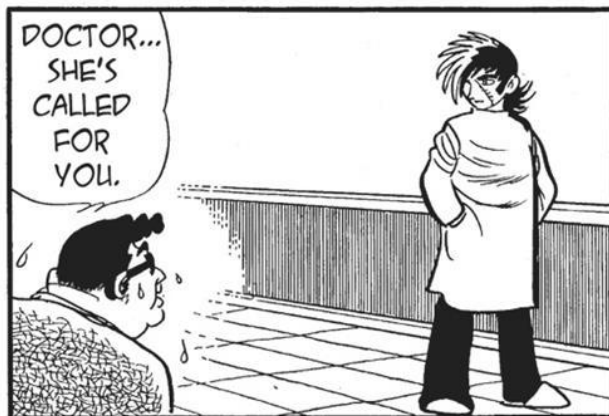
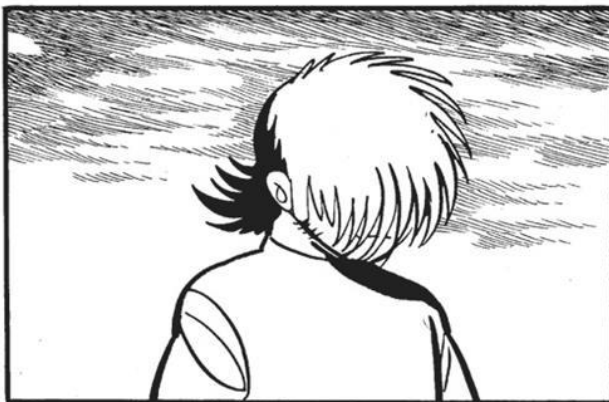
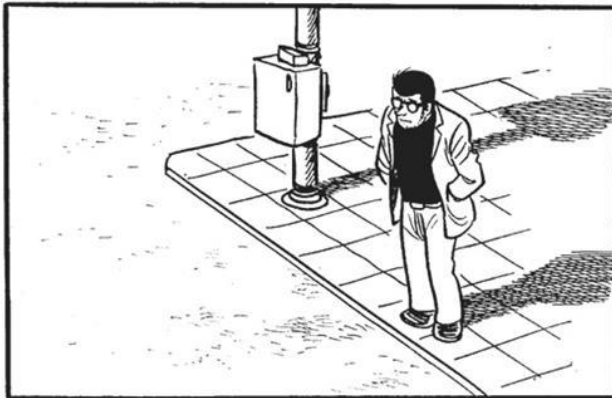


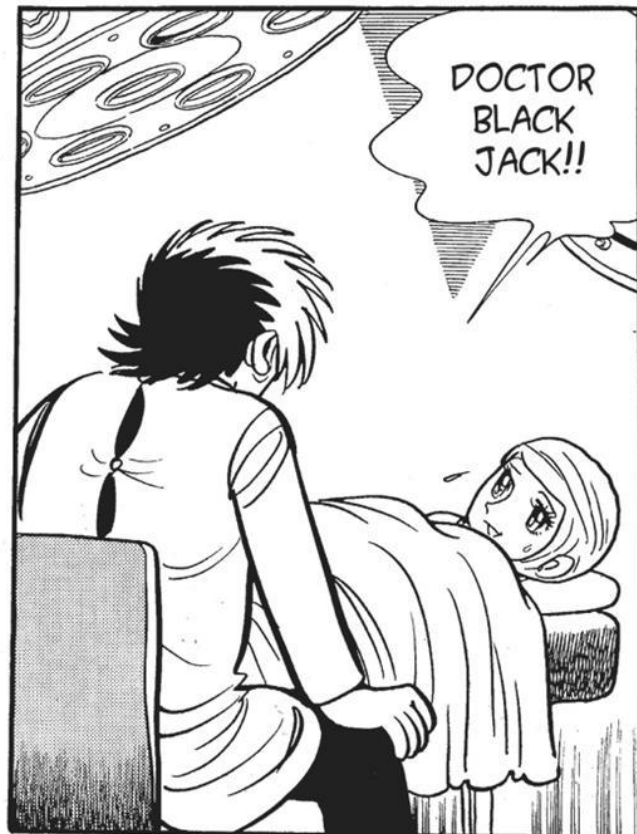
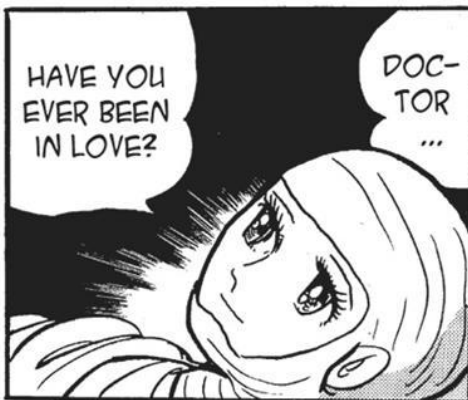
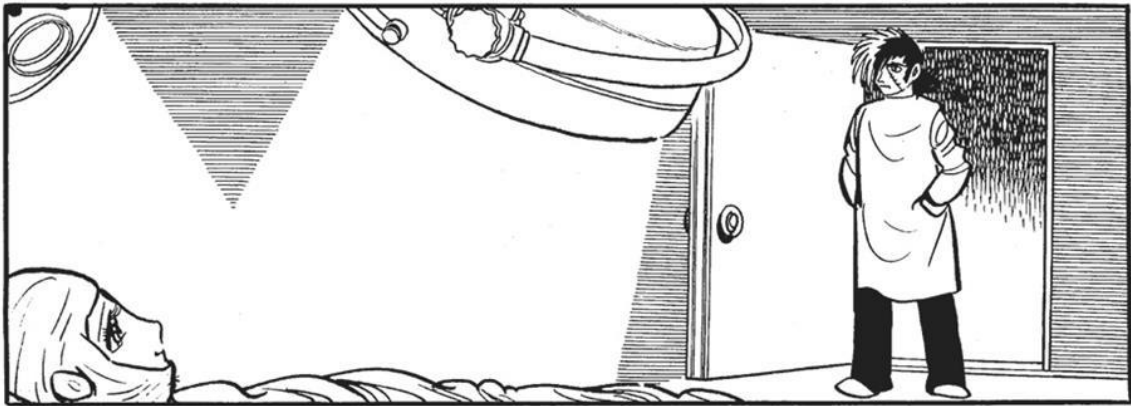




















YET INSTEAD OF  
SAVORING THE JOY  
OF LIVING,  
YOU GO ON  
ABOUT DYING!

BUT NOW,  
YOU'VE  
EMBARKED  
ON A  
NEW LIFE.

UNDER-  
STAND?  
YOU  
SHOULD  
HAVE  
DIED.

NO! WE  
EXCHANGED  
VOWS OF  
LOVE!!

YOU  
YOURSELF  
SAID IT  
WAS A  
JOKE.

WE'VE  
BEEN  
MARRIED!

I'M  
SORRY.  
BUT...

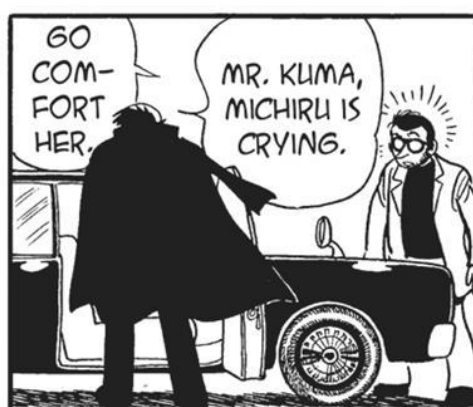
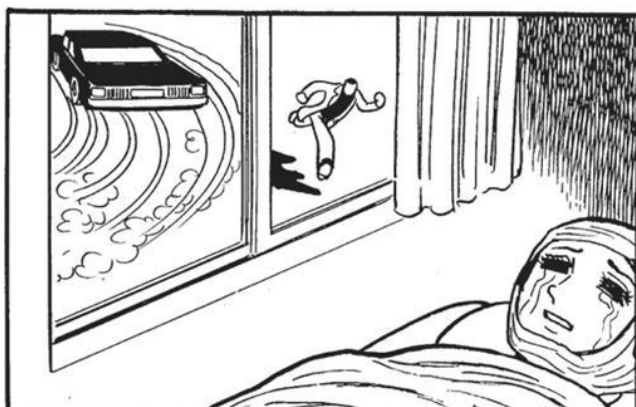
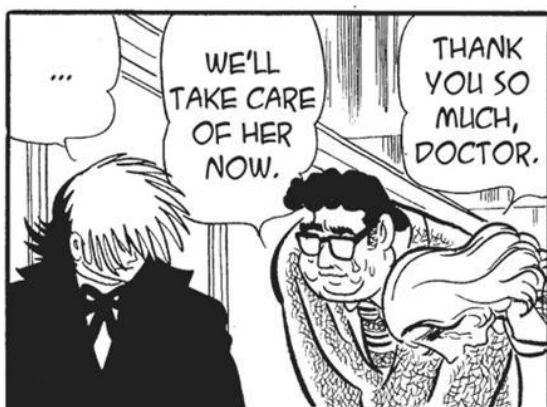
WE HAVE  
THE RIGHT  
TO LOVE EACH  
OTHER.

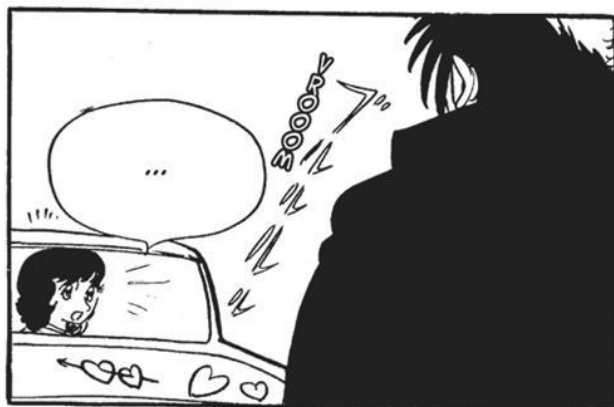
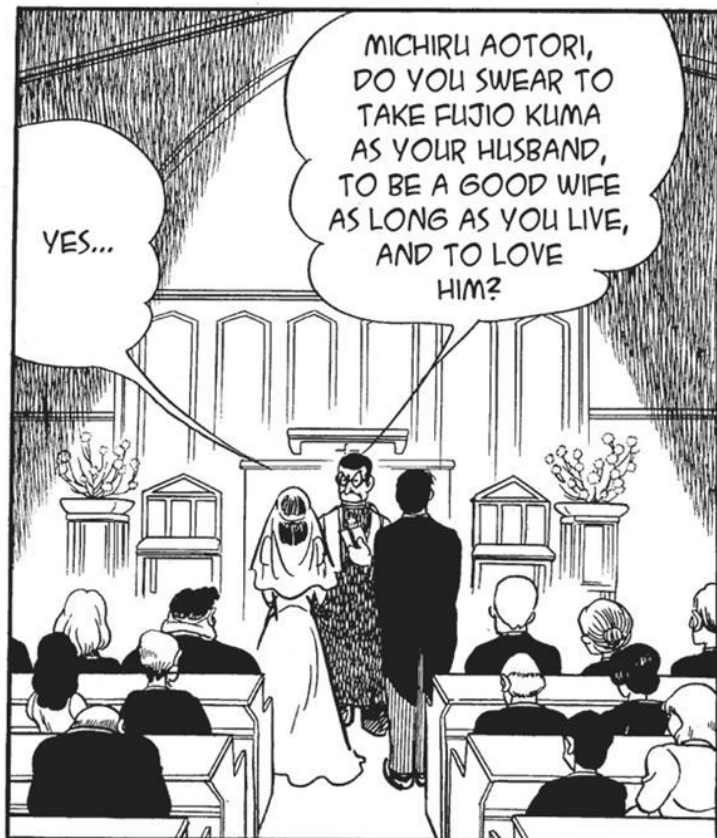
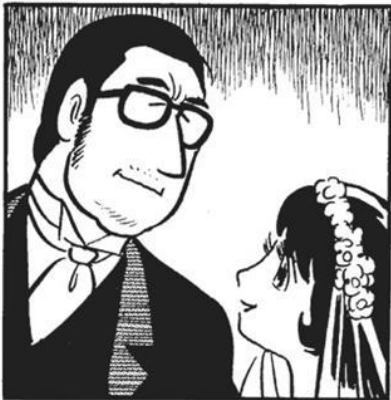
A  
DOCTOR'S  
ONLY  
BUSINESS  
IS TO  
HEAL THE  
PATIENT.  
BYE.

YOU'RE  
THE ONE  
I LOVE!  
ONLY YOU!!  
BELIEVE  
ME!!

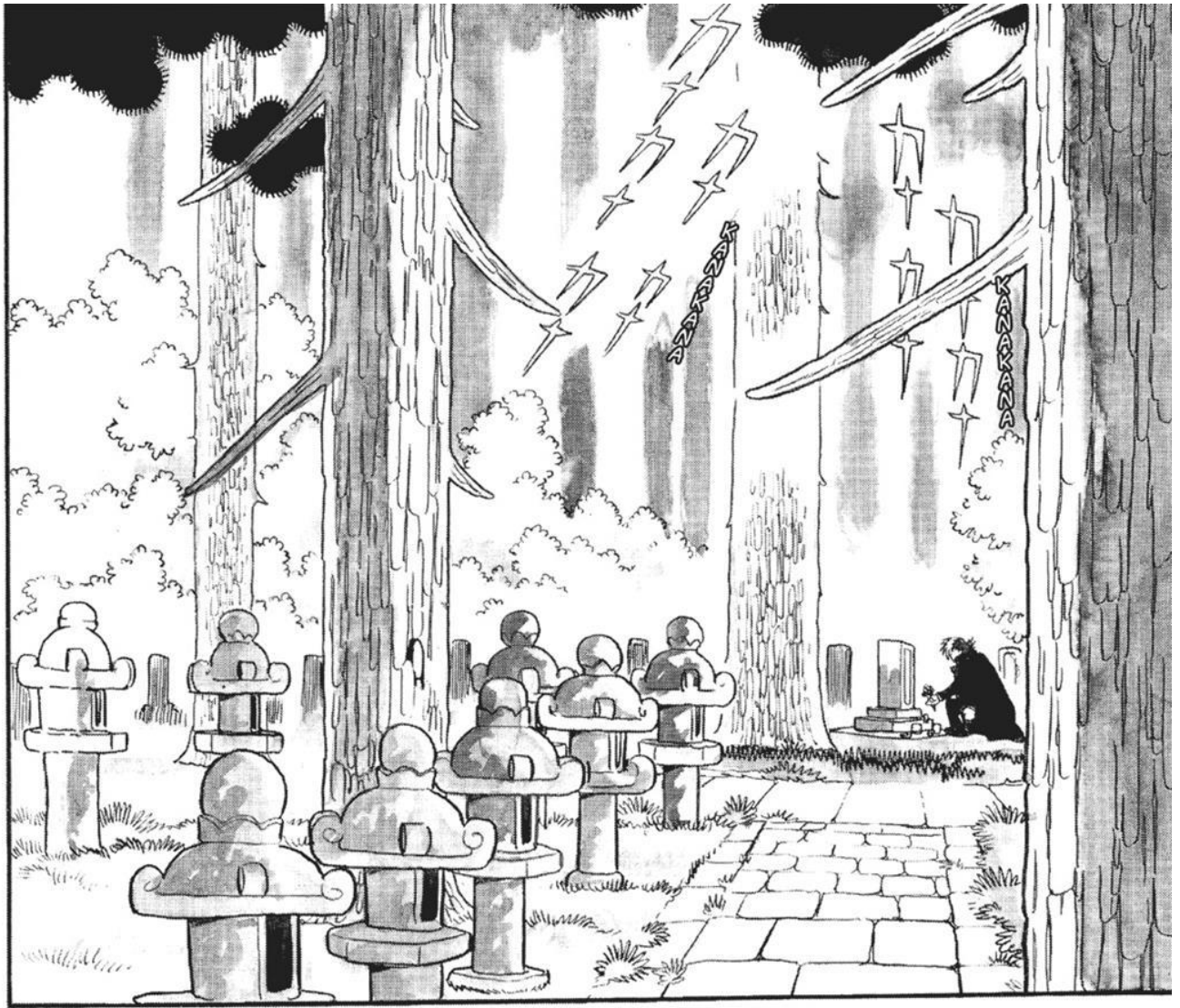
A TRUE  
MARRIAGE,  
A TRUE PARTNER,  
AND TRUE LOVE  
ARE WAITING  
FOR YOU.

I'M NOT  
SOMEONE  
WHO'S FIT  
TO BE  
LOVED.





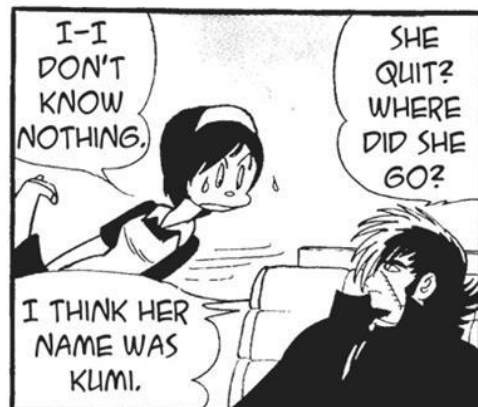
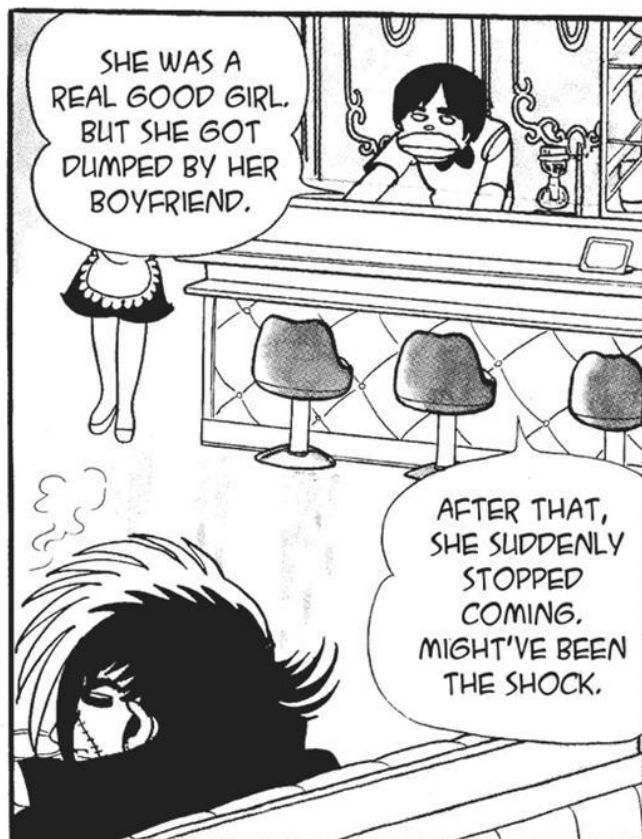
## **FULL-MOON DISEASE**





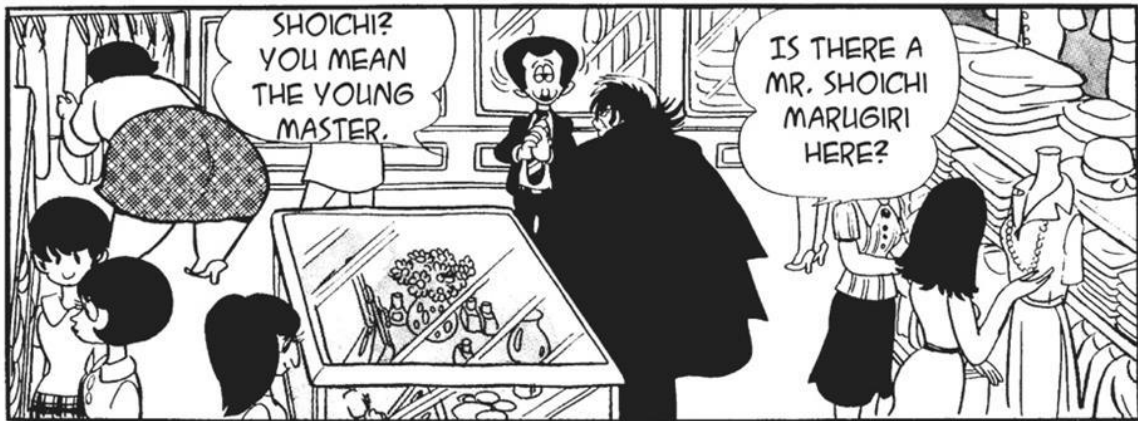




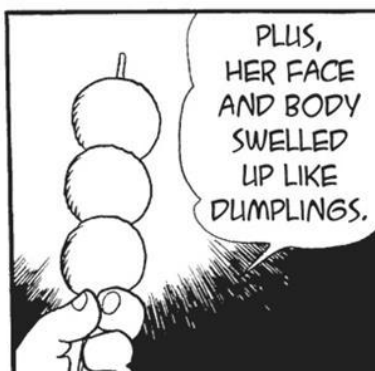


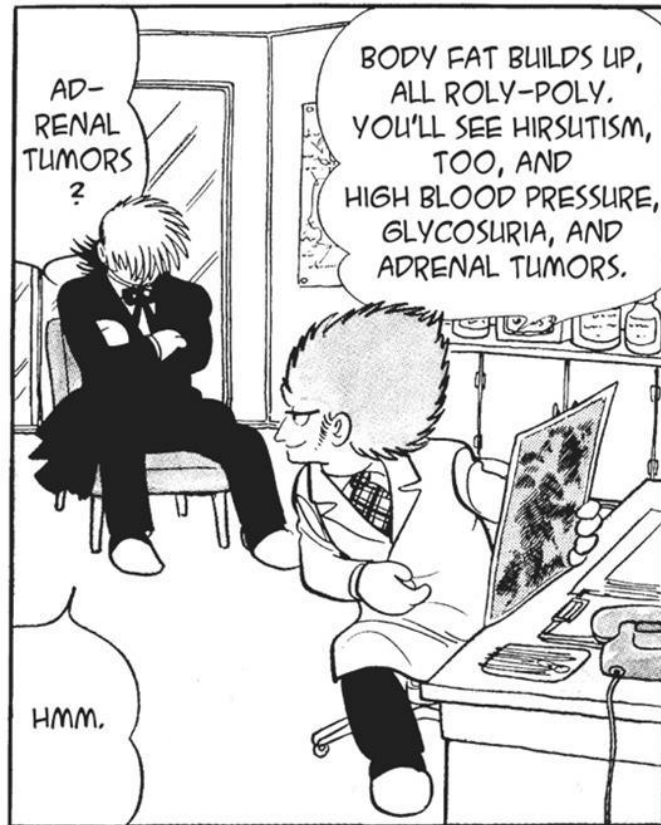
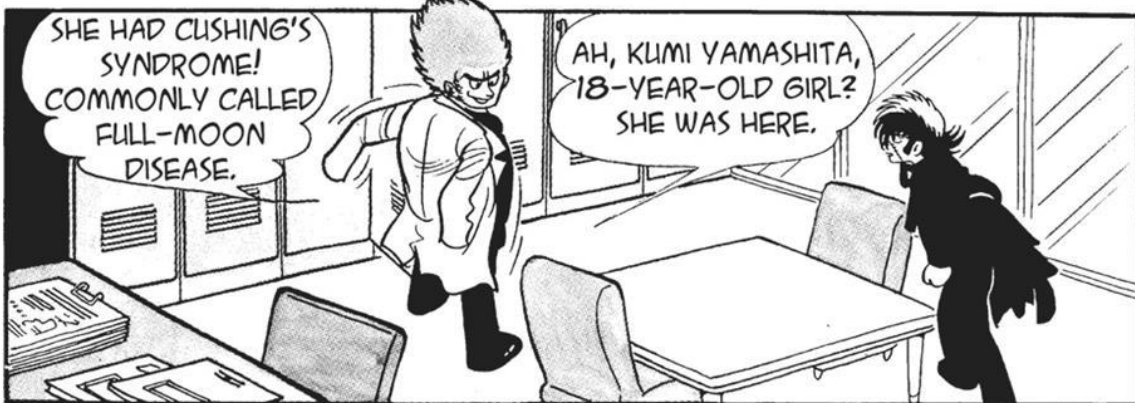
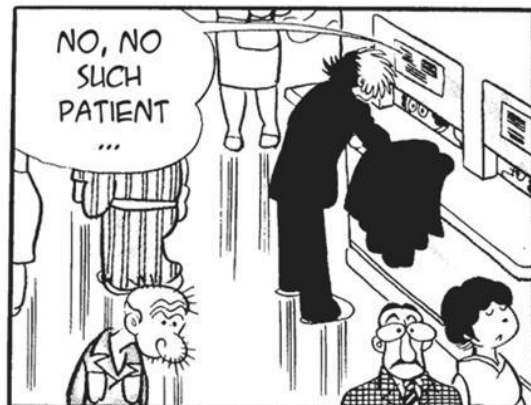


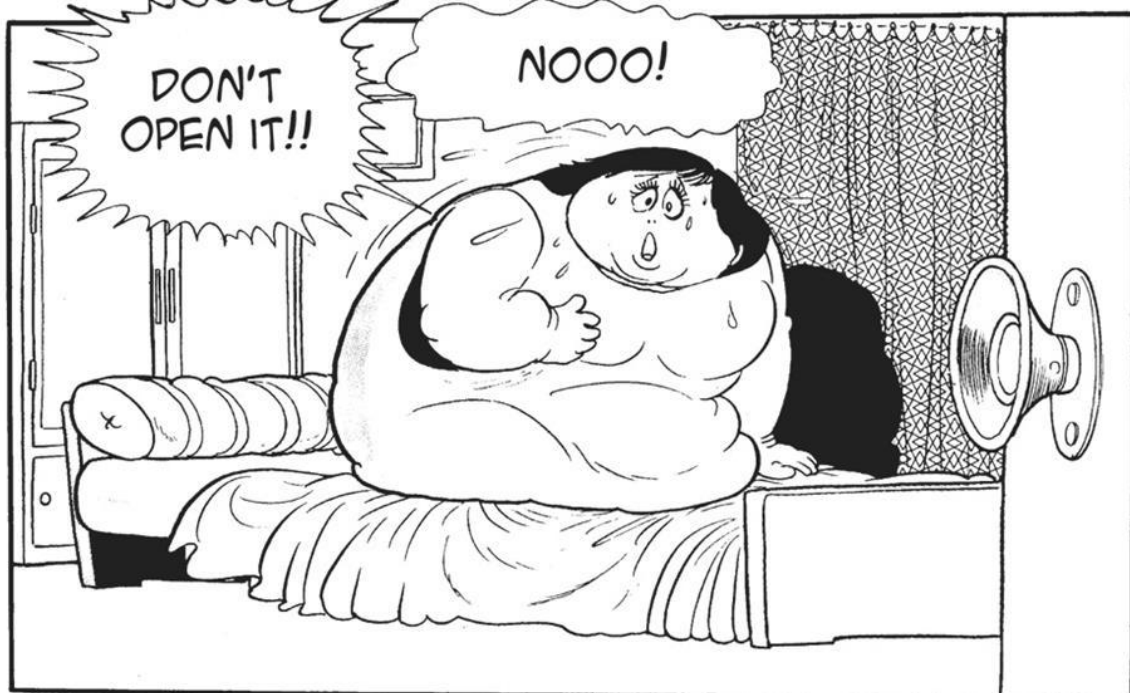
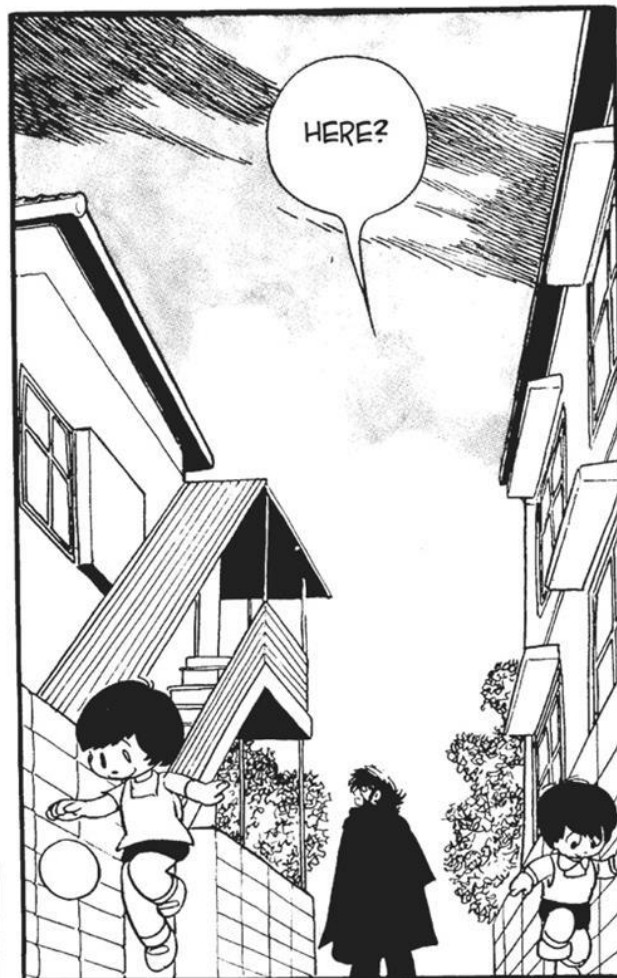


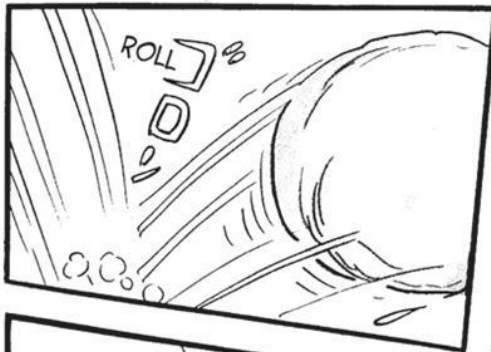












THIS DISEASE IS WHY YOU LEFT THE CAFÉ?



NO NEED TO FEEL ASHAMED. I'M A DOCTOR.



I FELT LET DOWN WHEN I HEARD YOU'D QUIT.

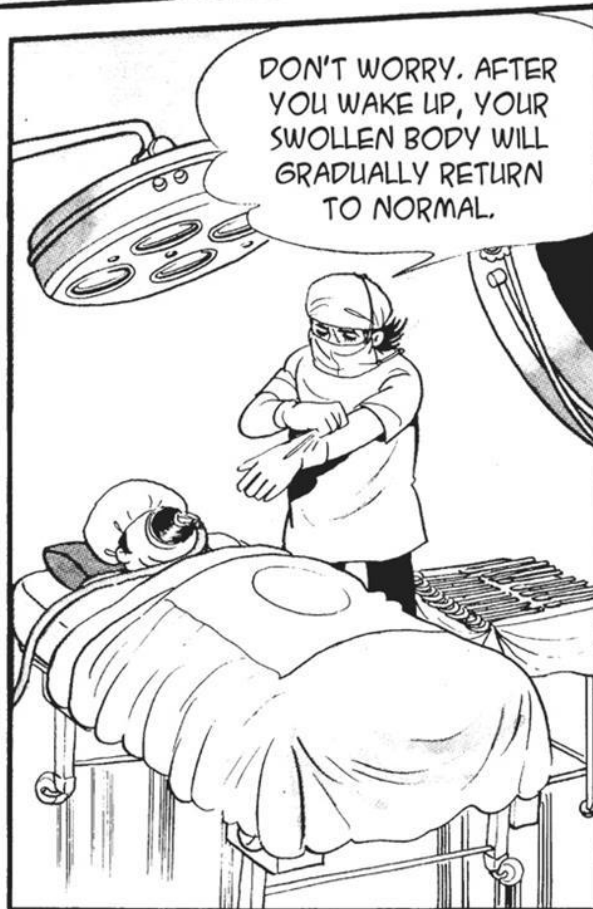
I'D LOOKED FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE CAFÉ EVERY YEAR.

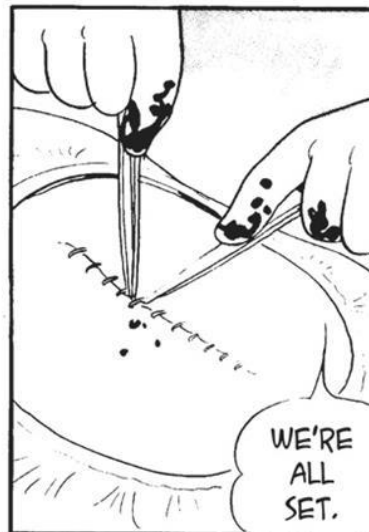
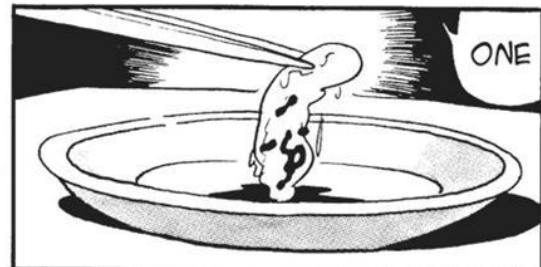
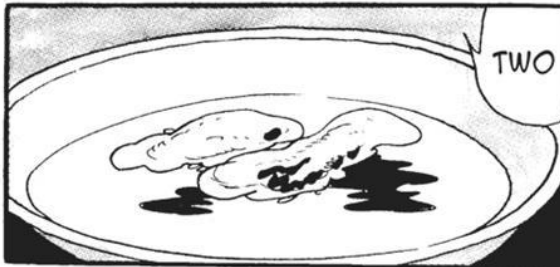
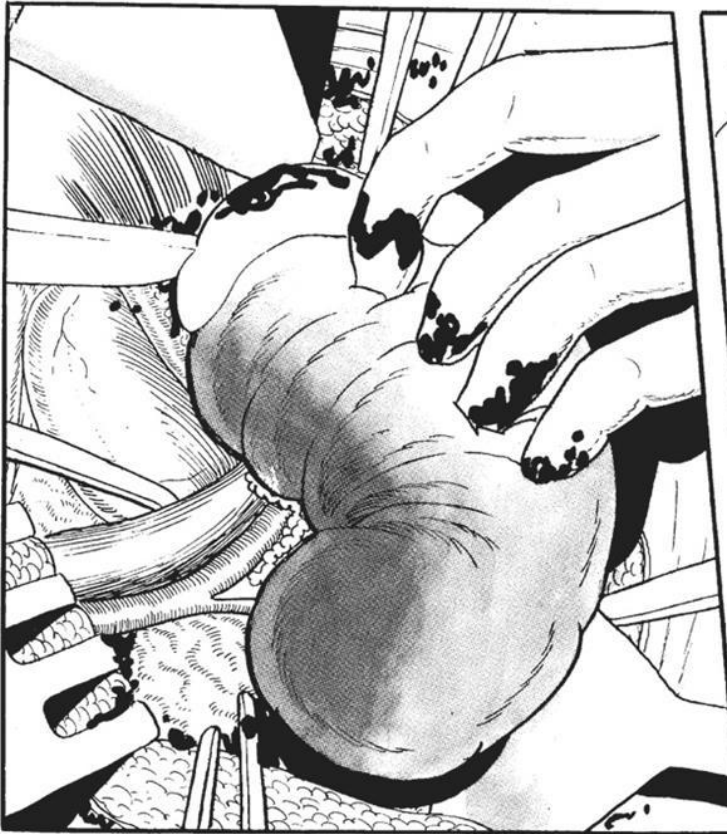








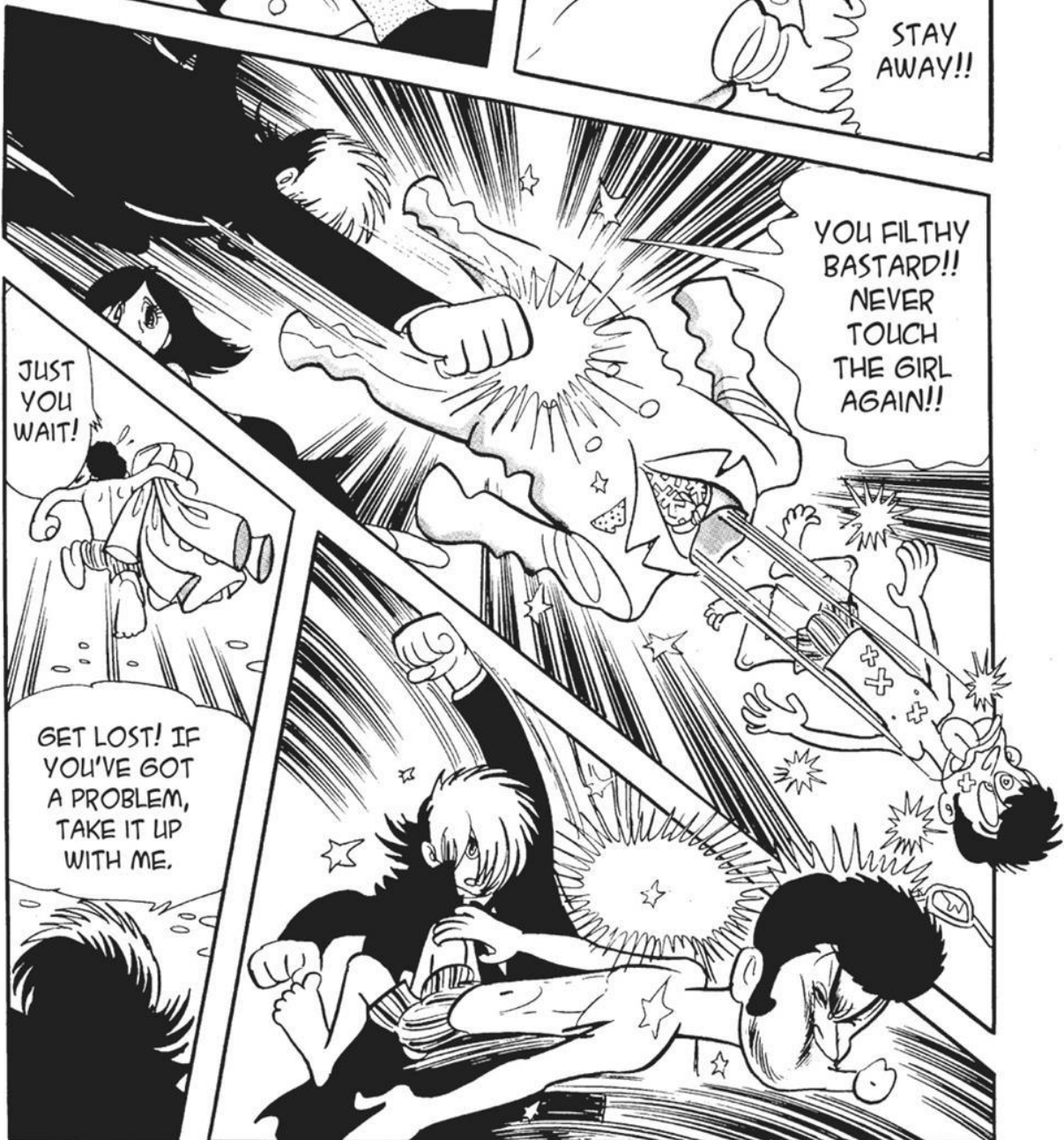
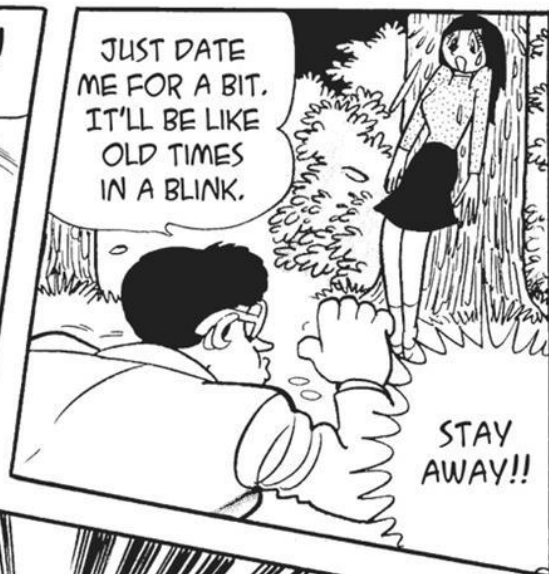








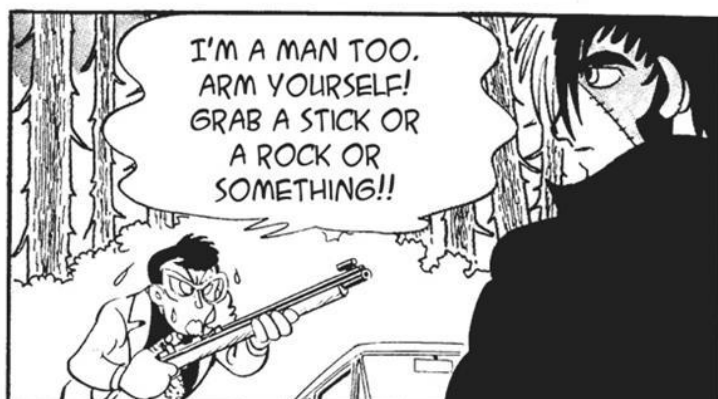
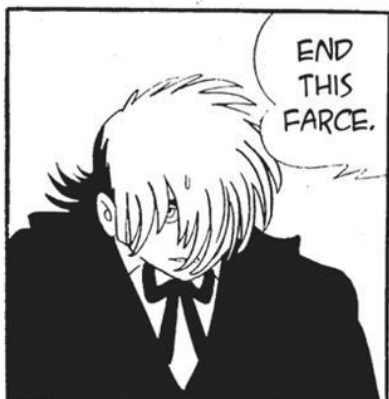
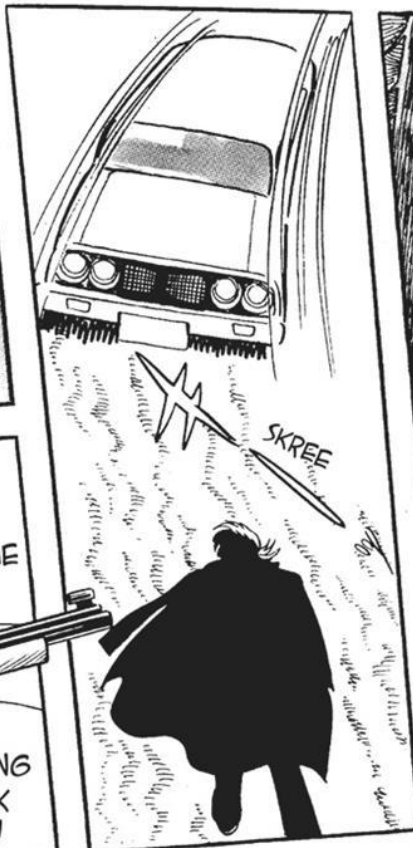


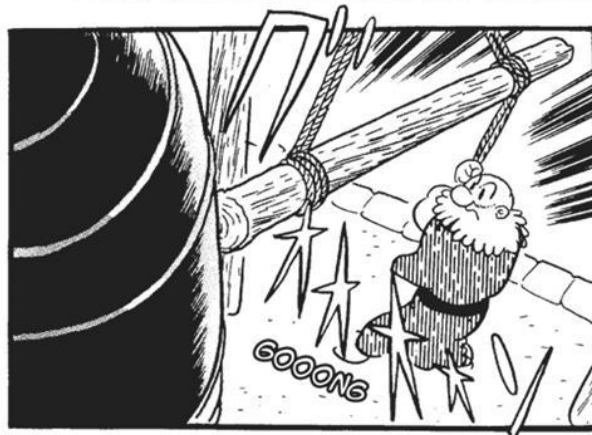


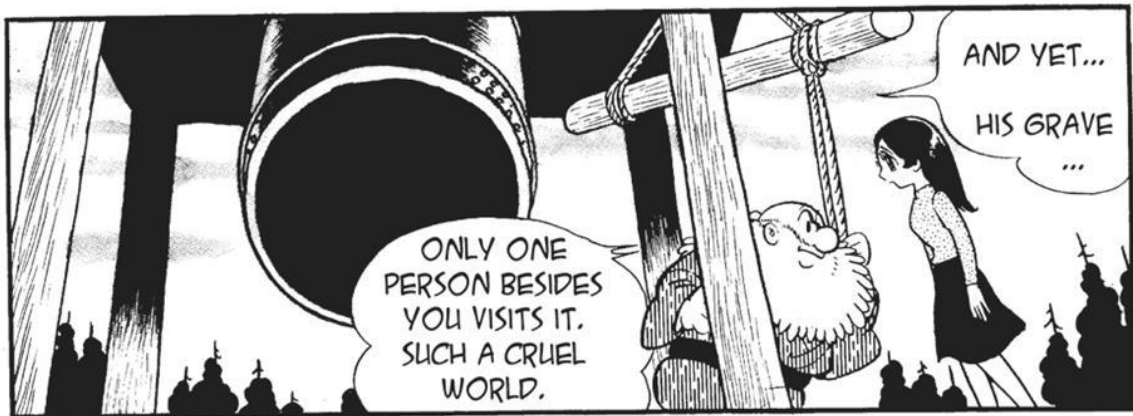




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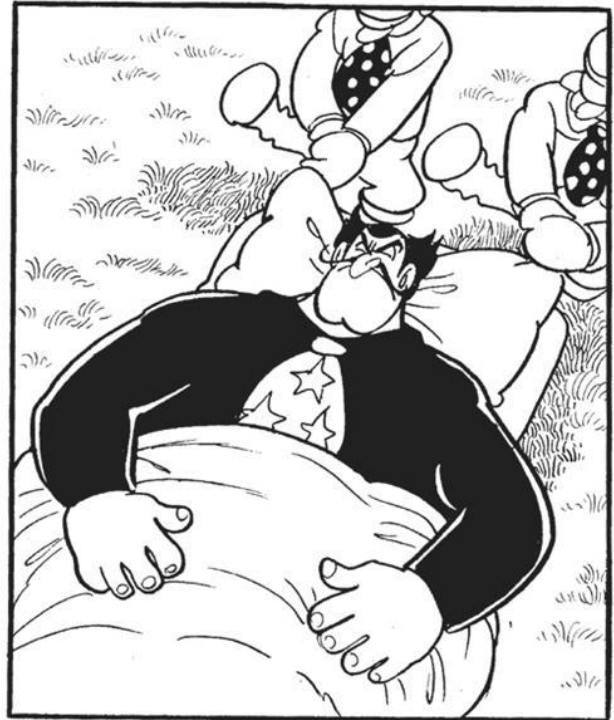
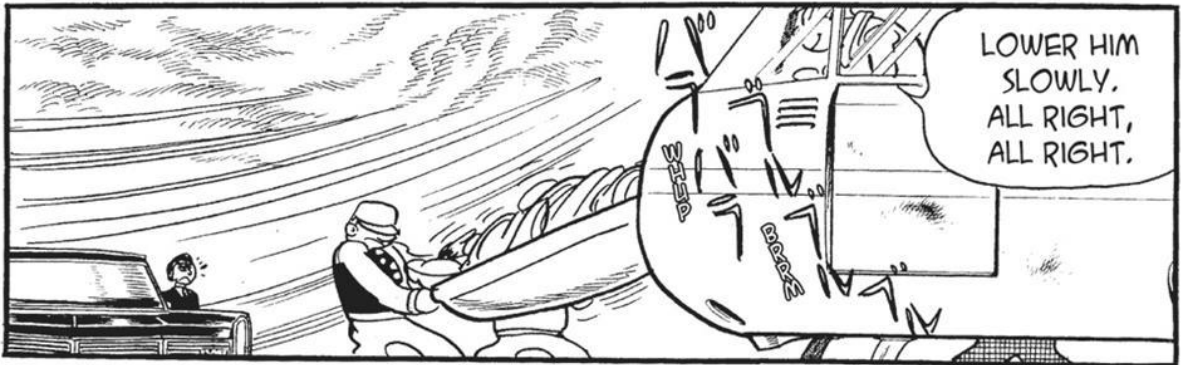
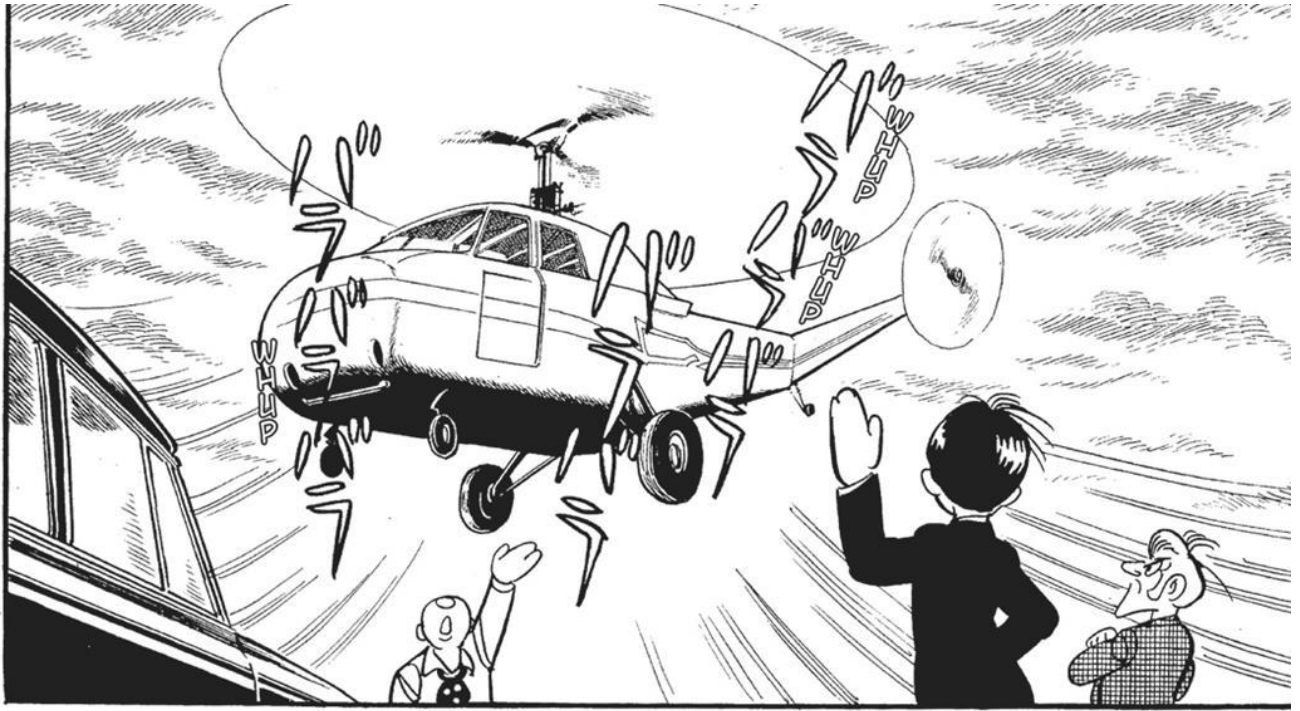






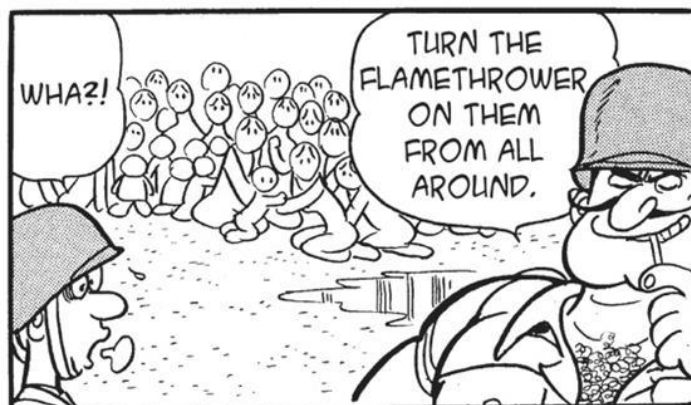
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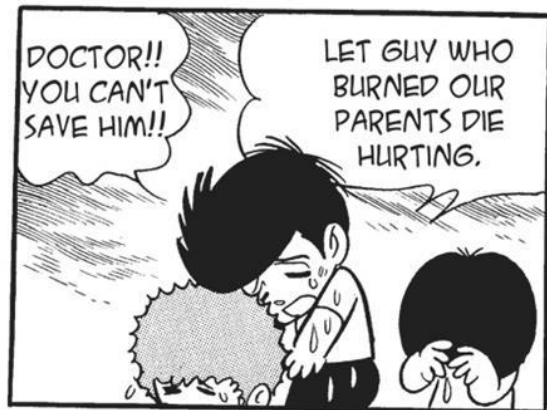
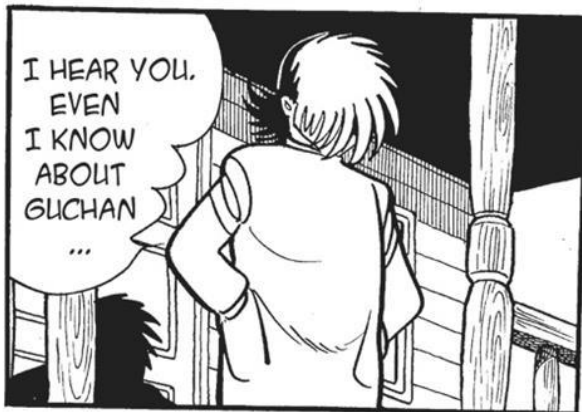




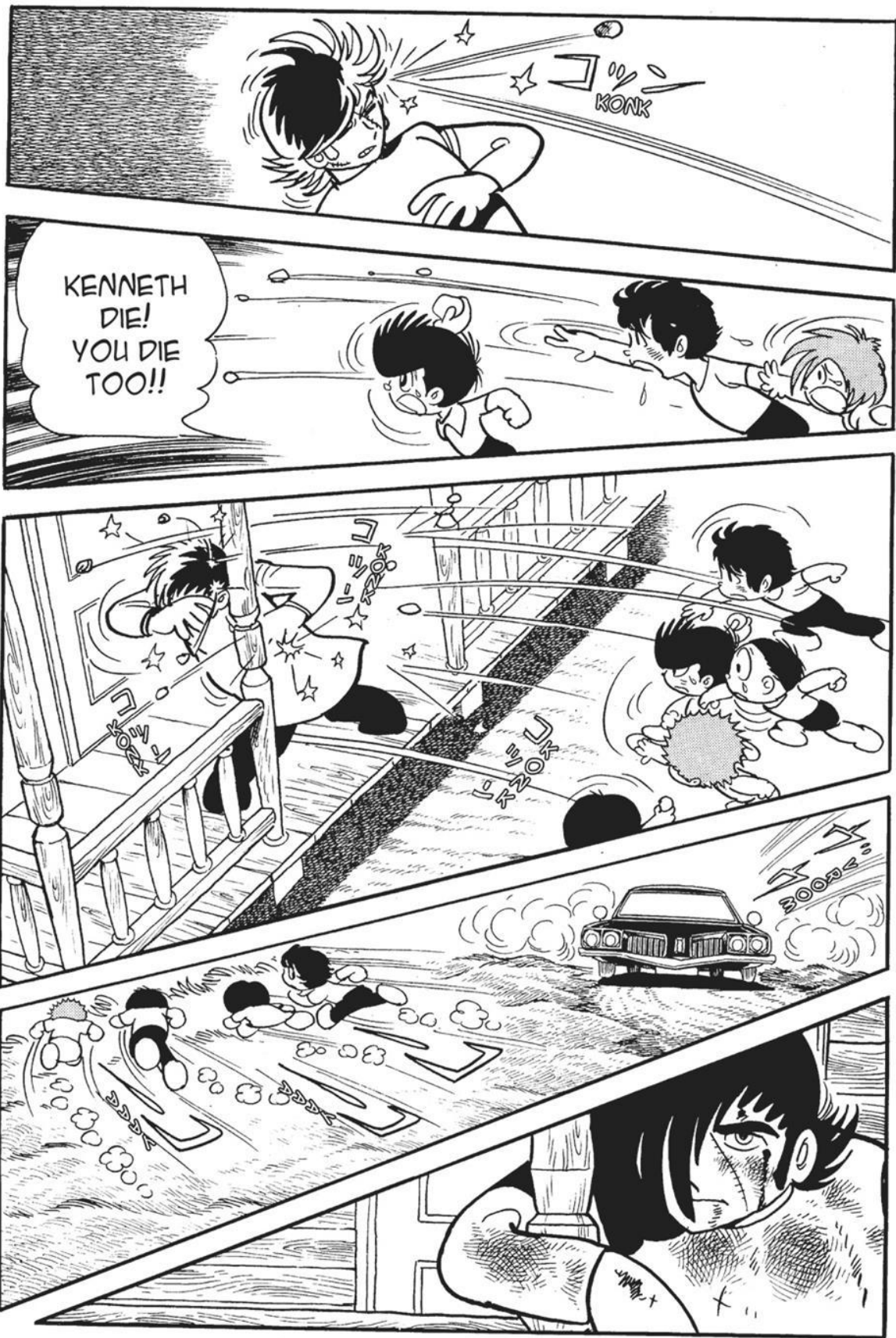


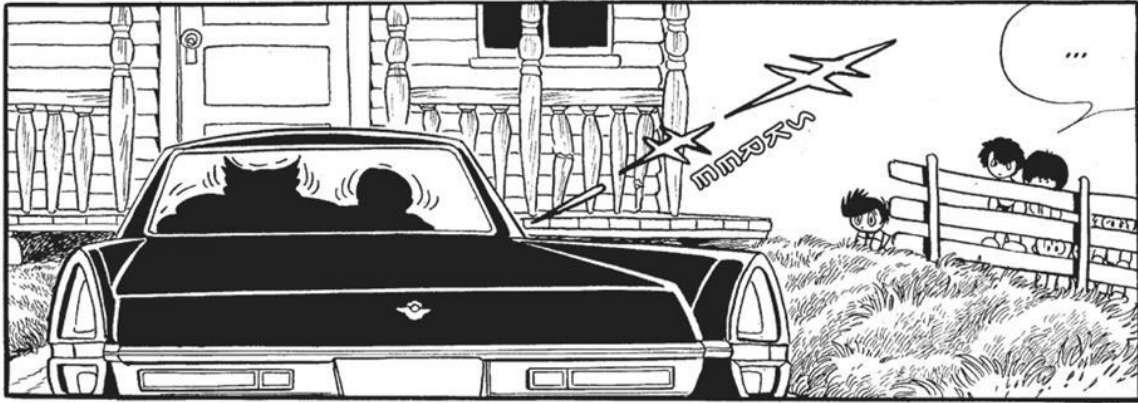


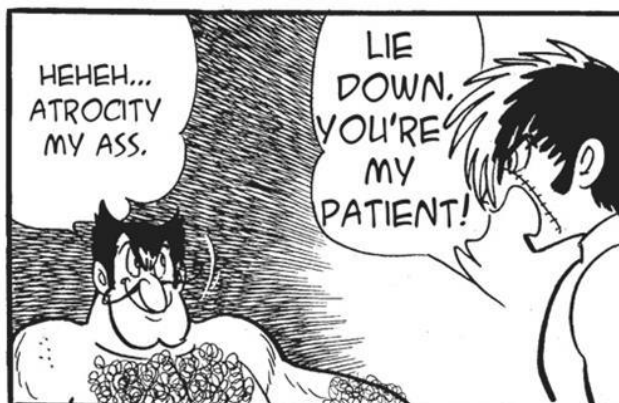
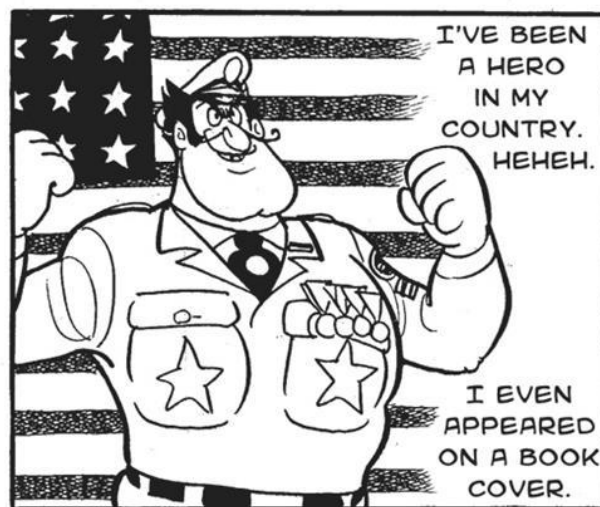


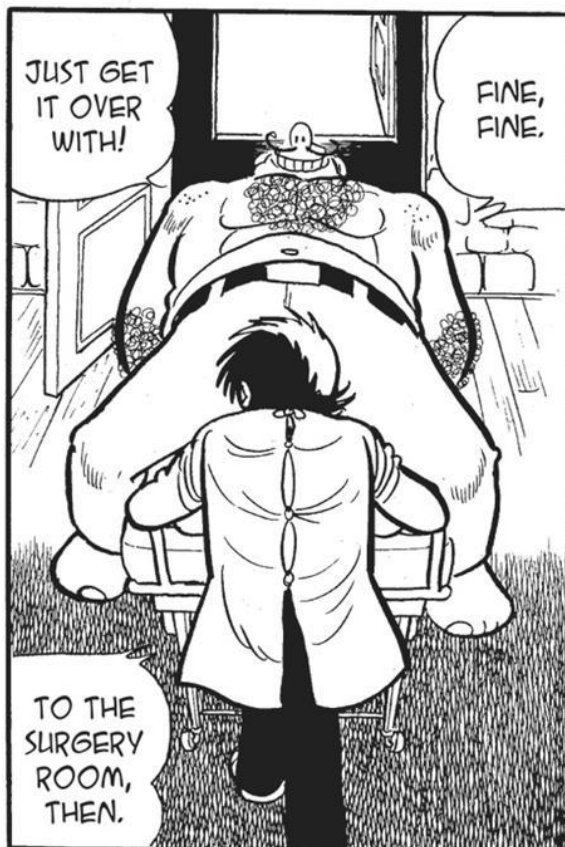




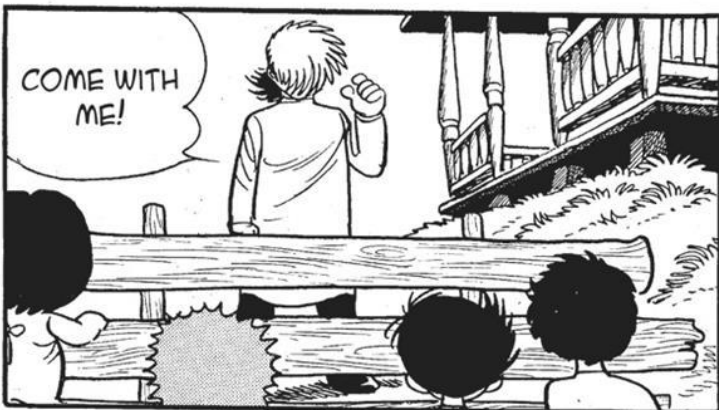
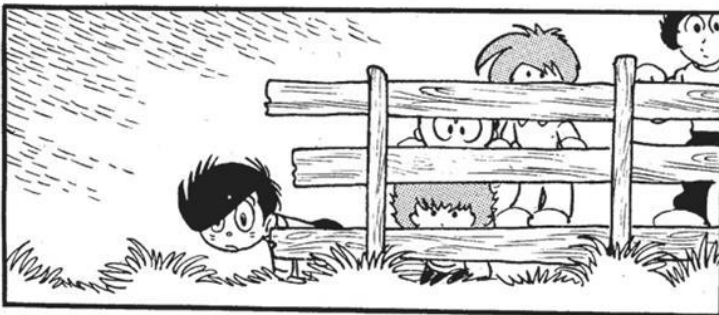
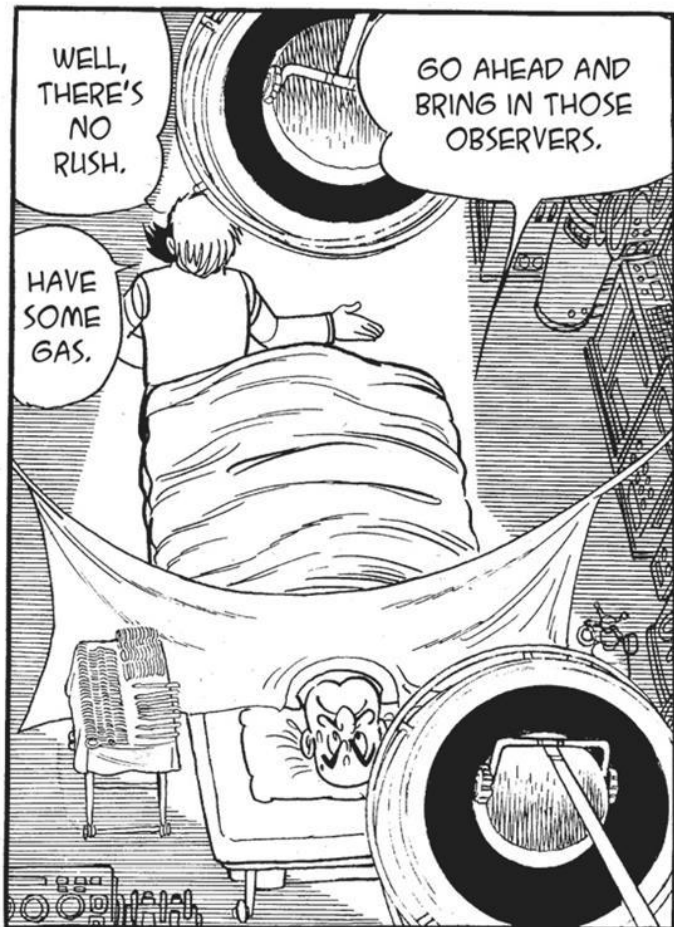




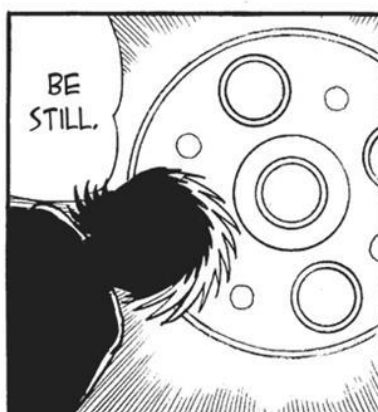
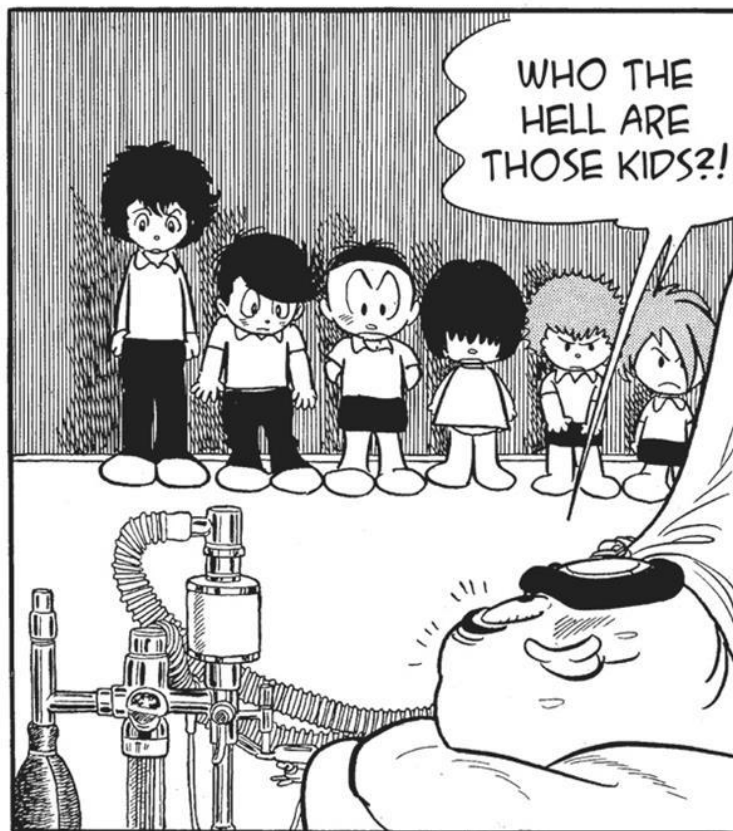
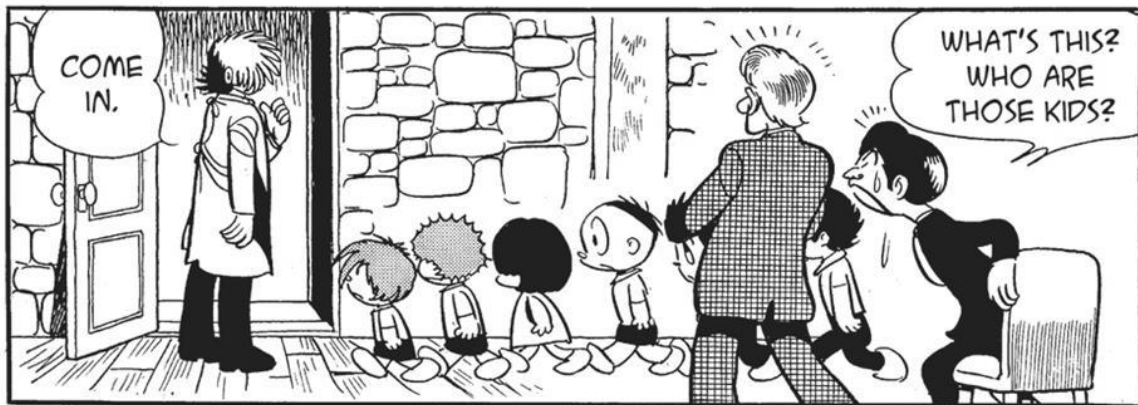


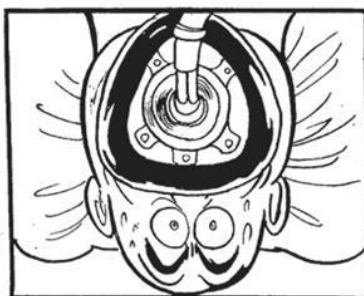
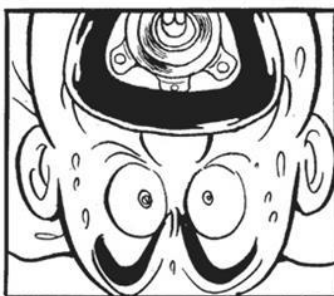
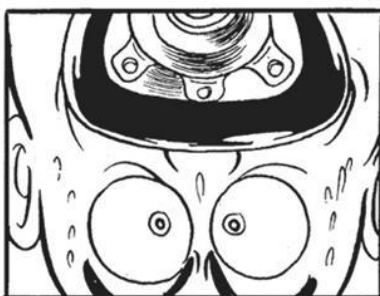


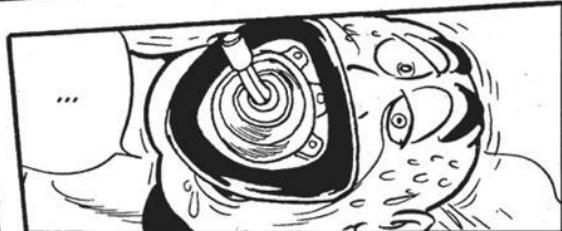


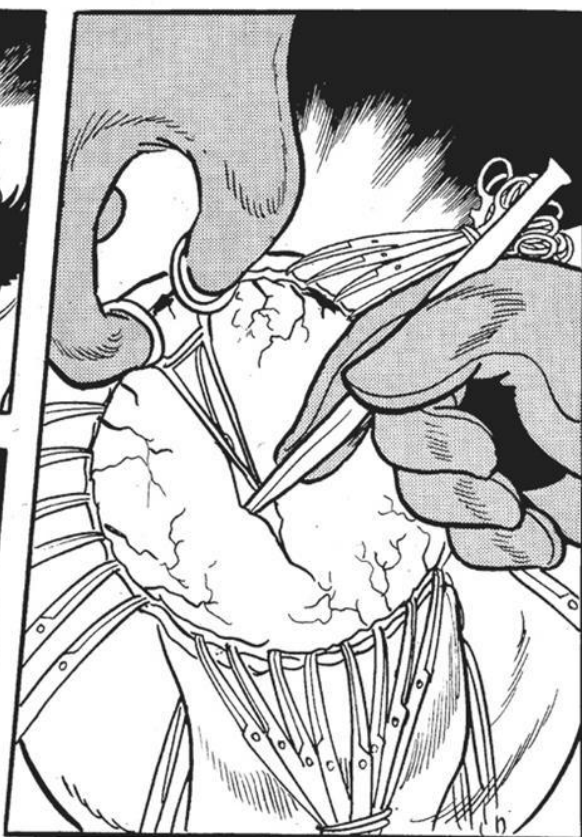
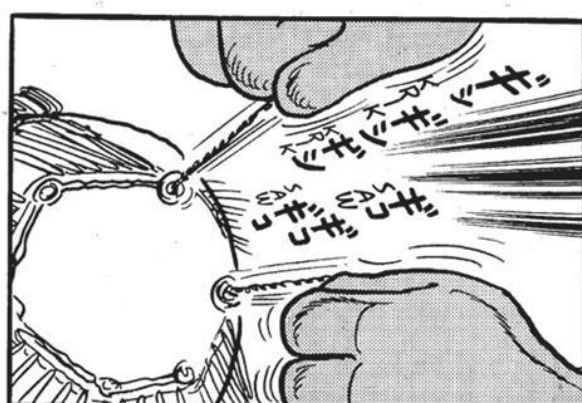
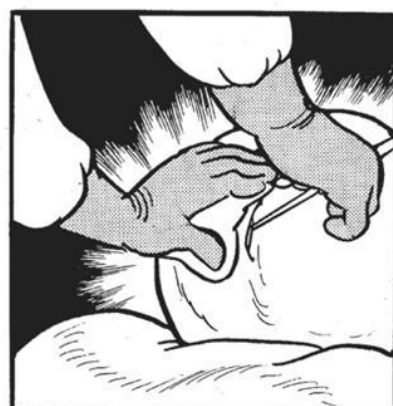
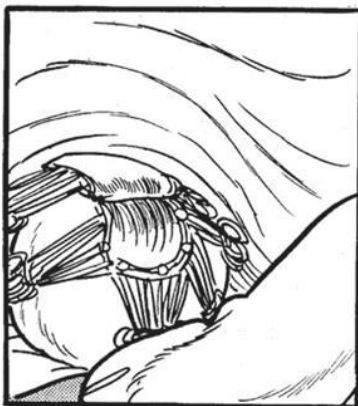




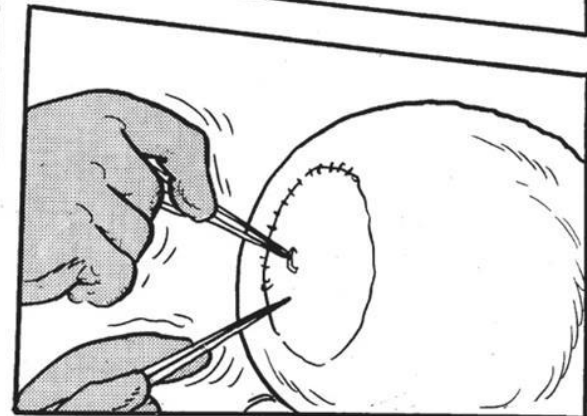
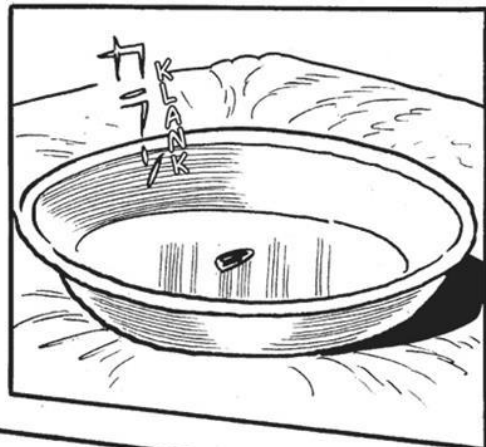
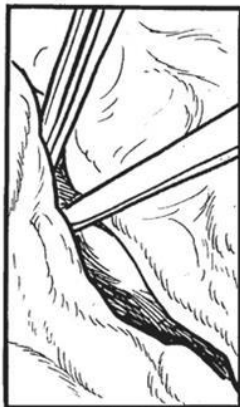
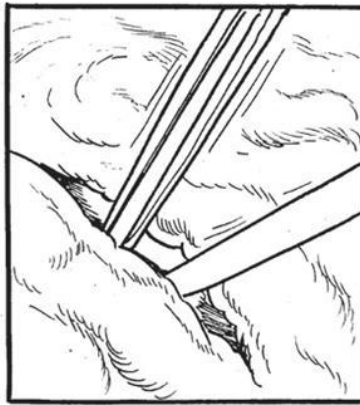


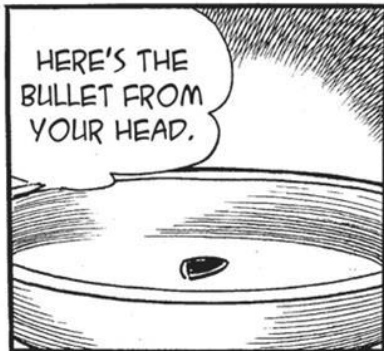
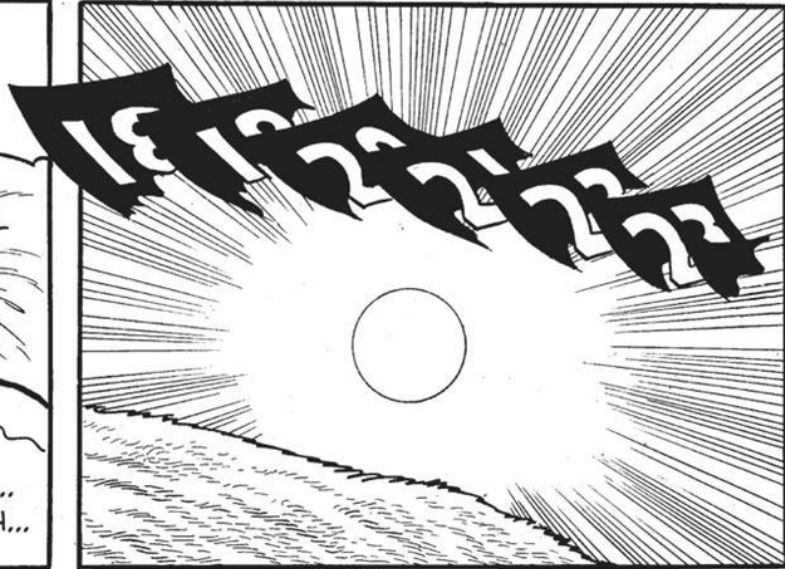
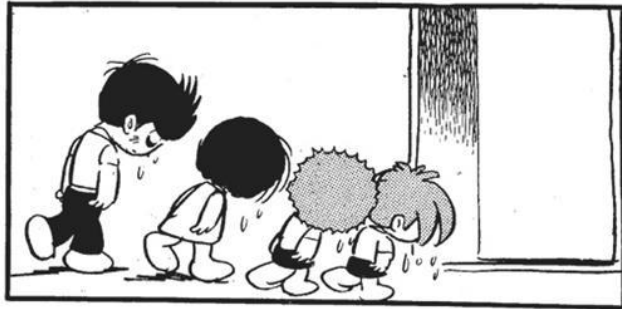


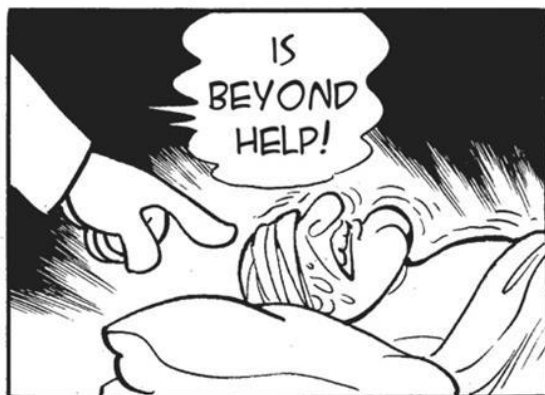


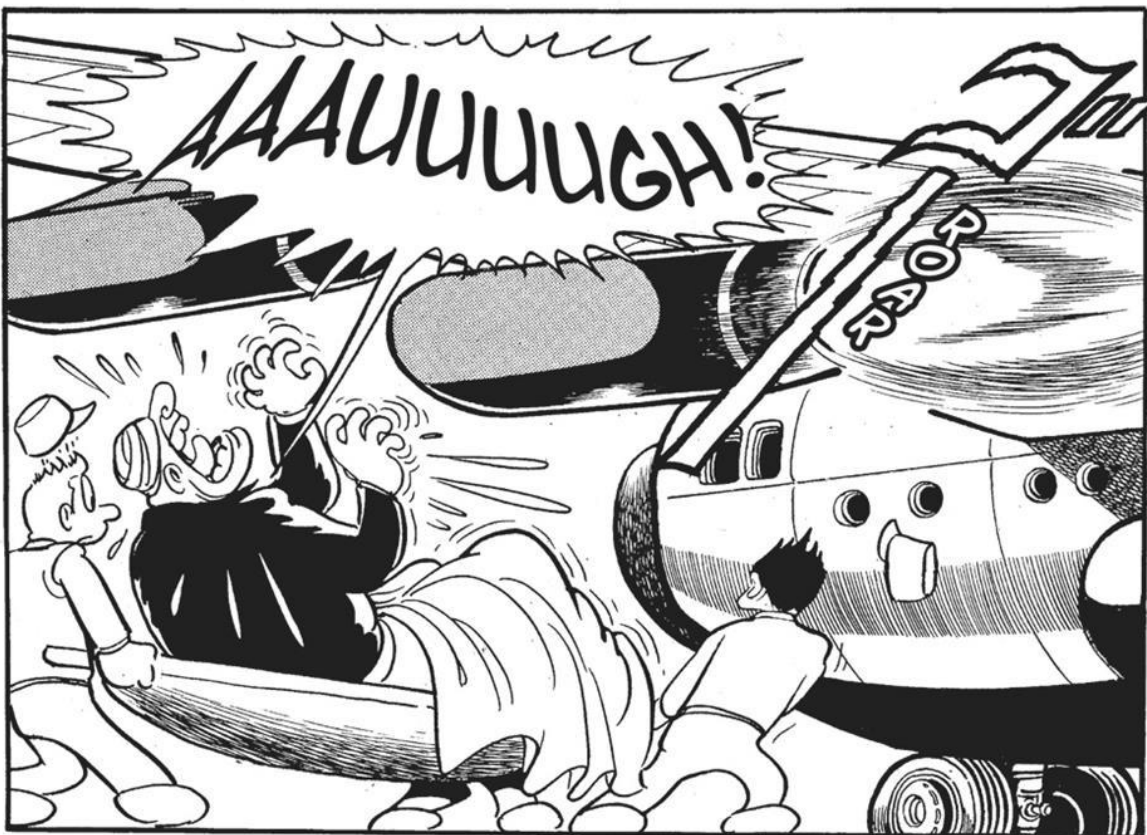
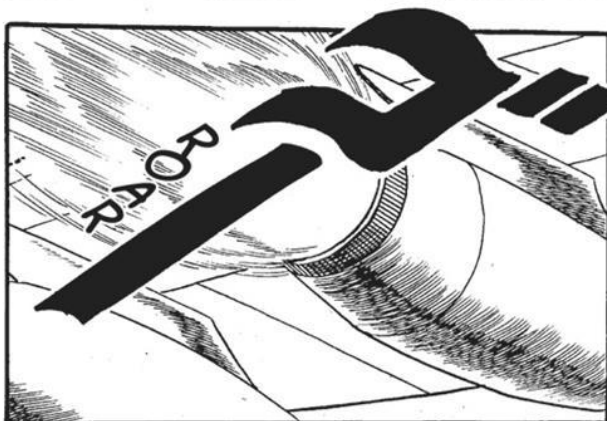
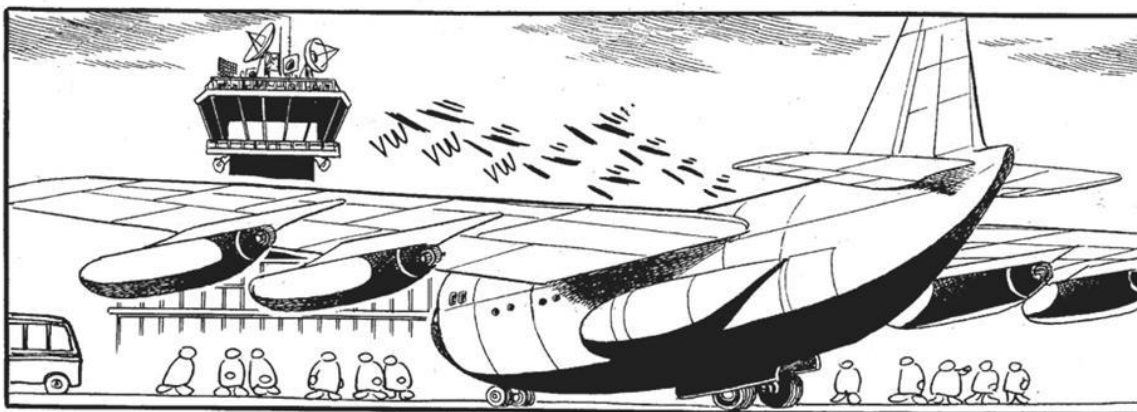




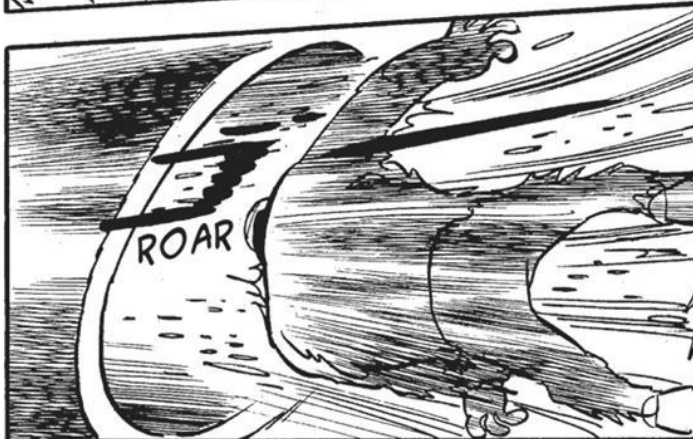




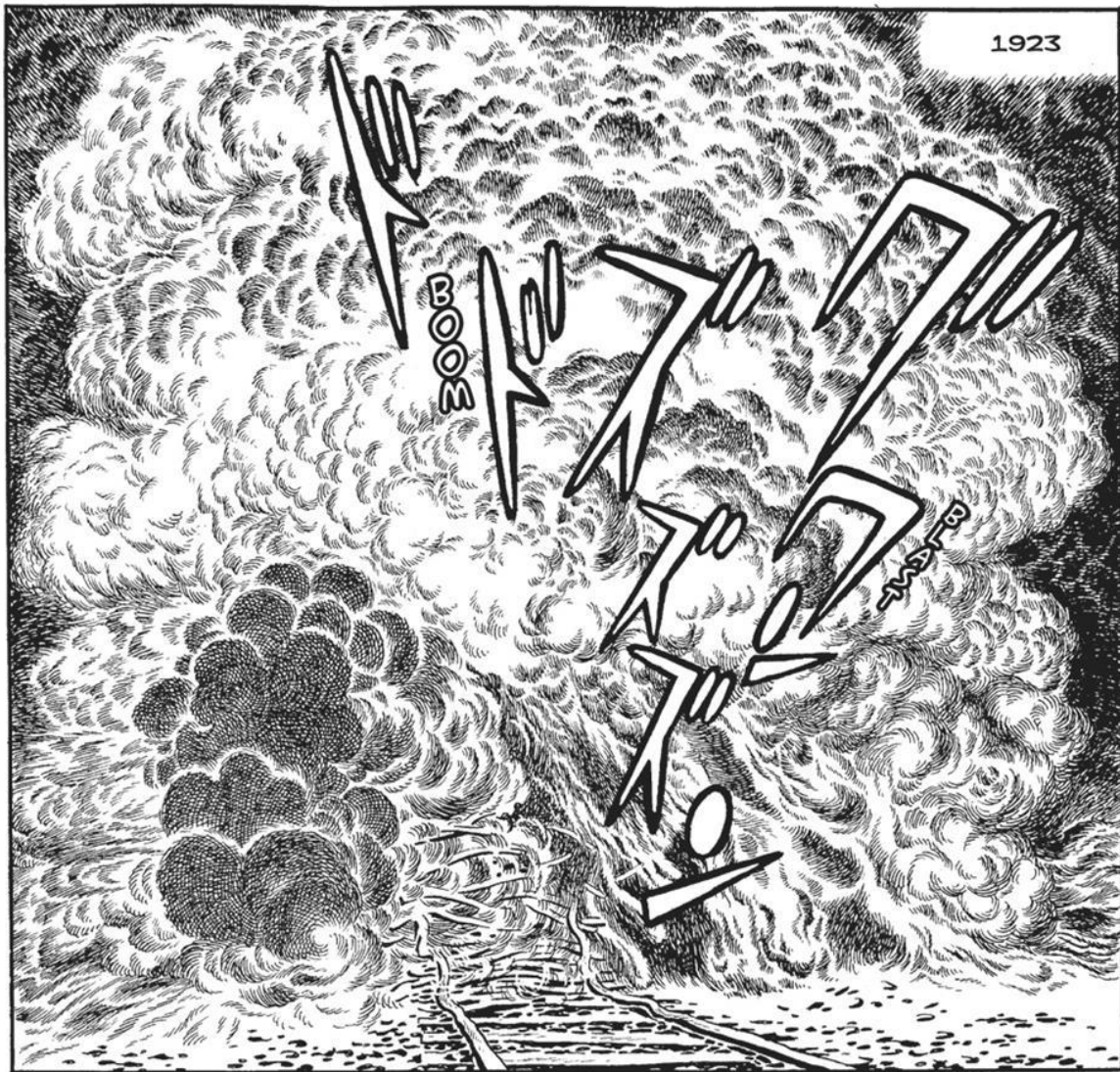




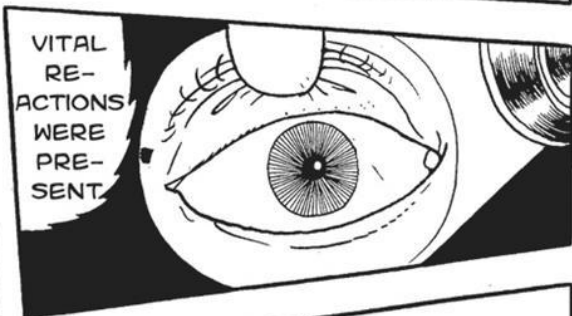
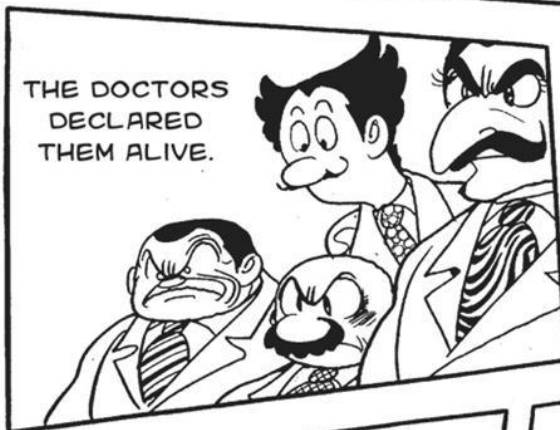




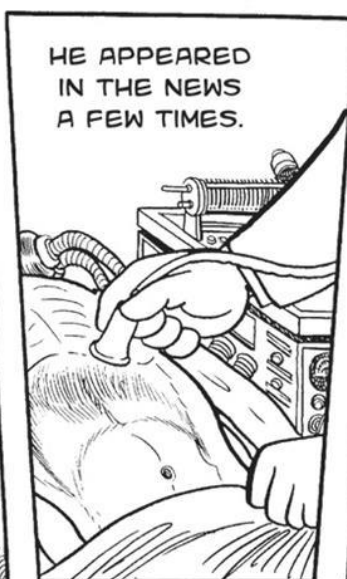
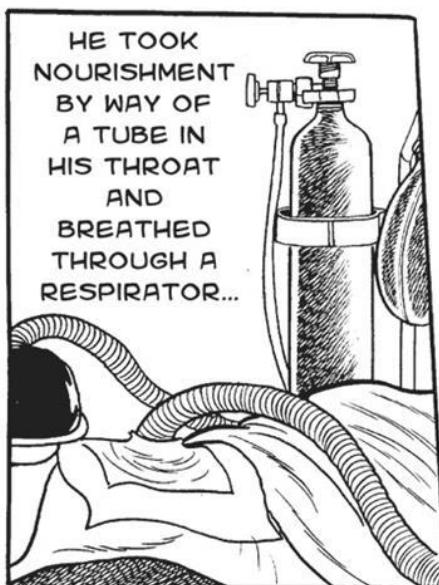
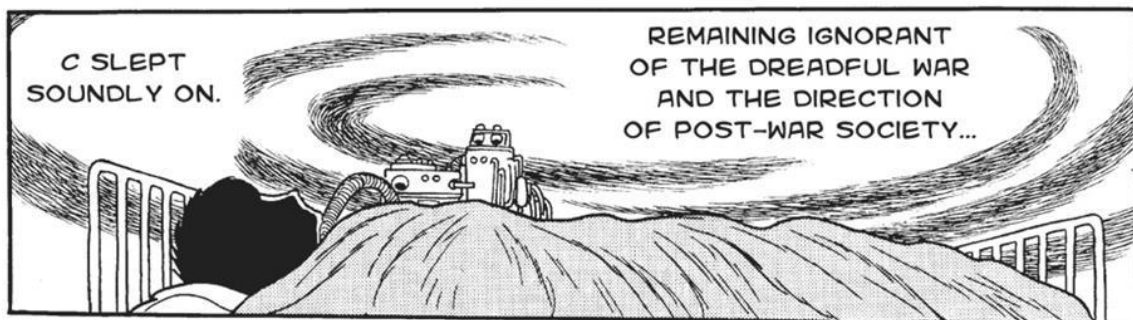
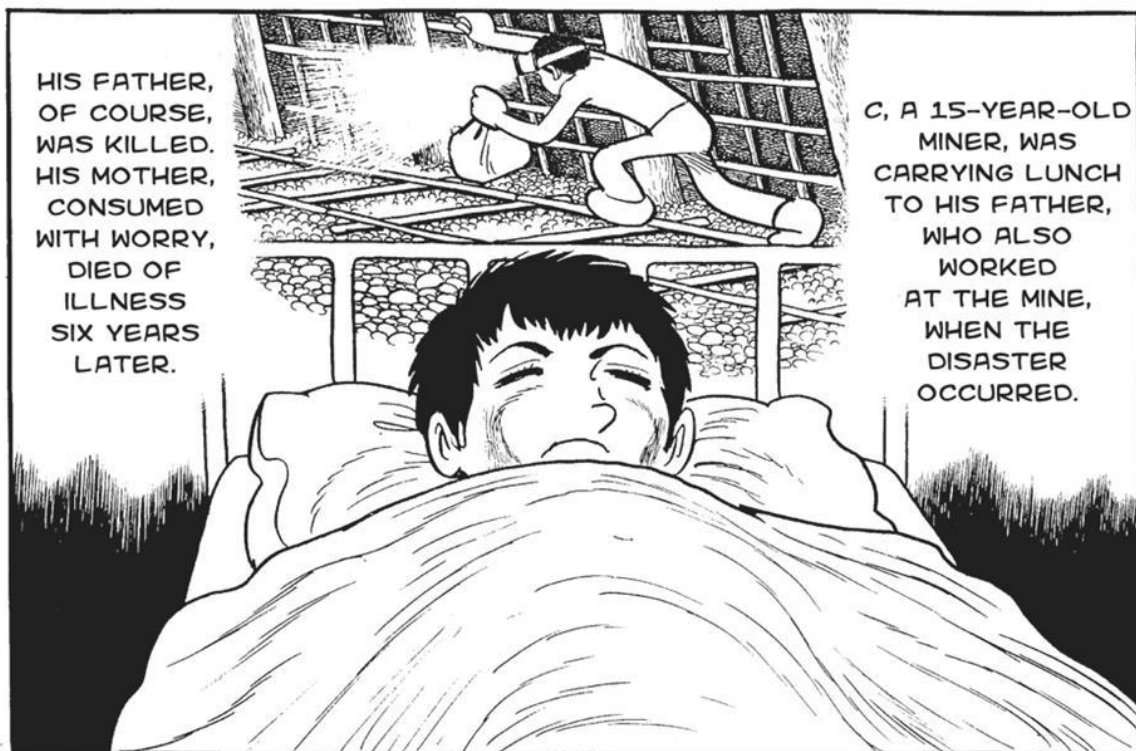
**URASHIMA**

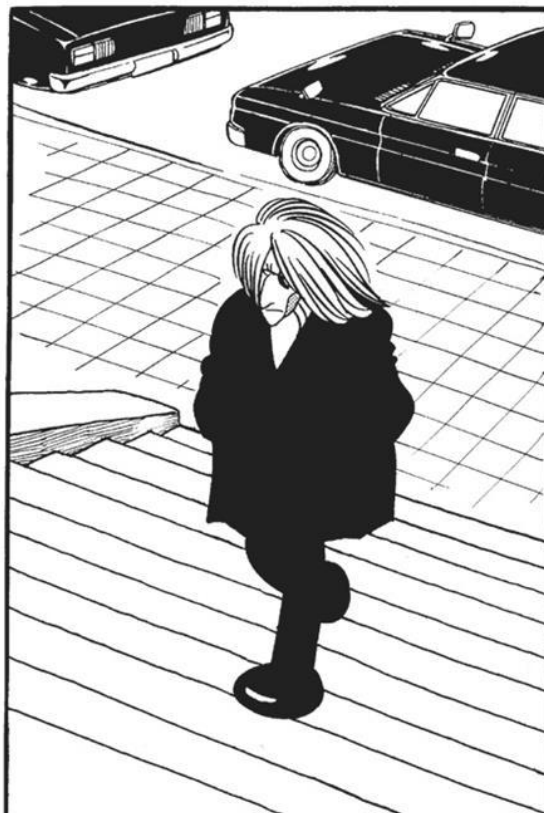


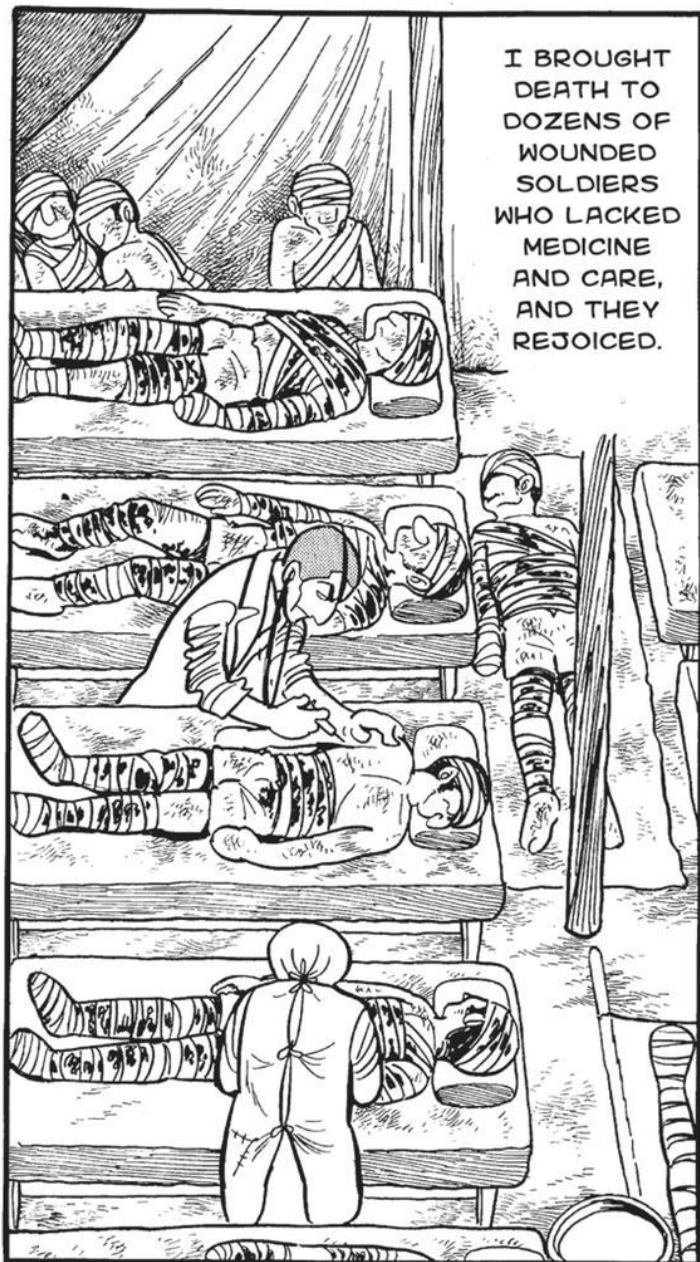
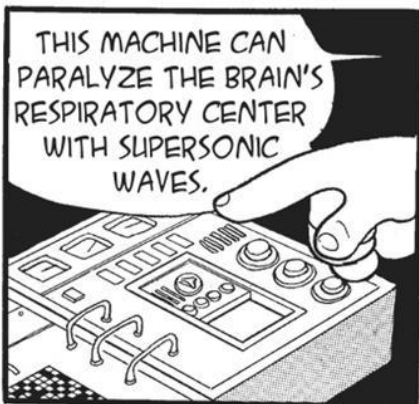
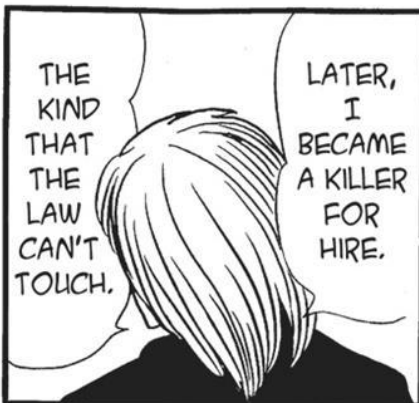
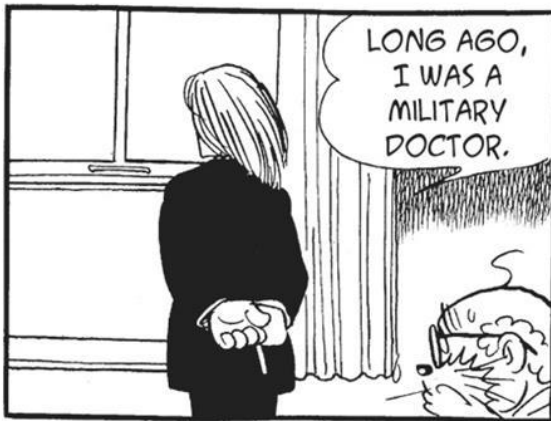
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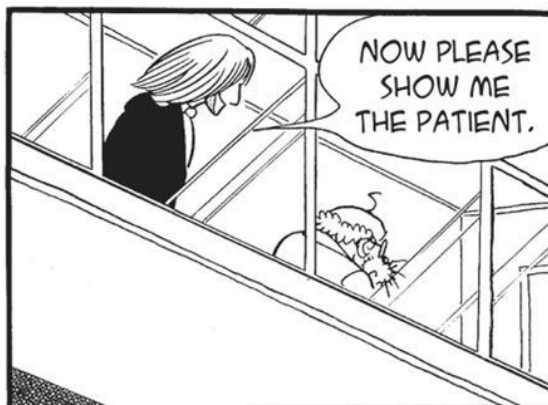
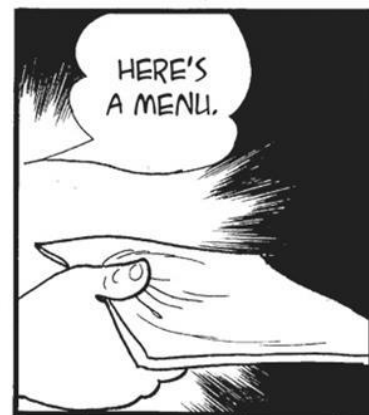
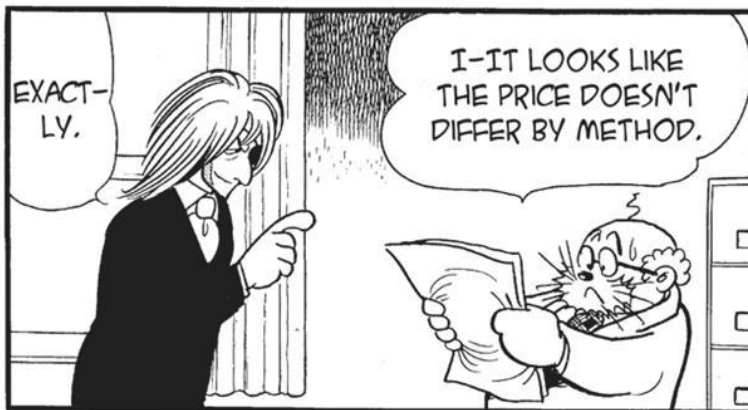




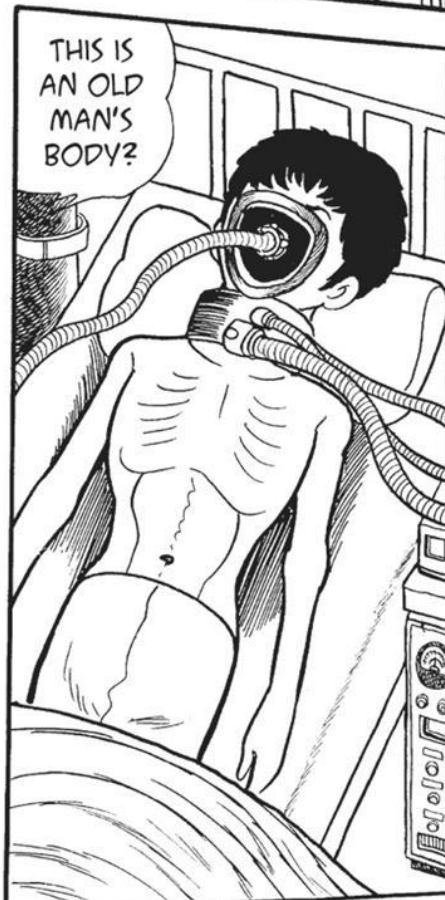
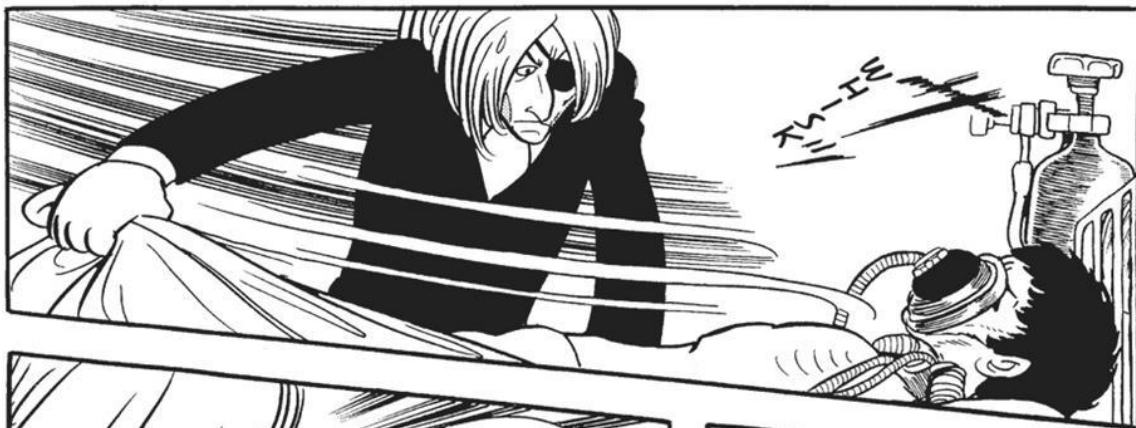




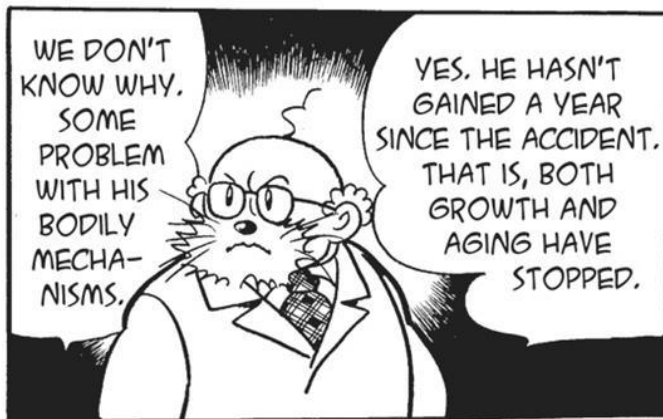






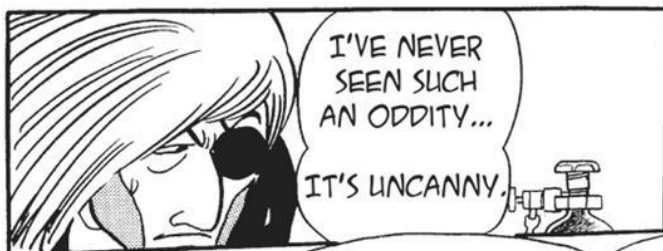


THIS IS AN OLD MAN'S BODY?



WE DON'T KNOW WHY. SOME PROBLEM WITH HIS BODILY MECHANISMS.

YES. HE HASN'T GAINED A YEAR SINCE THE ACCIDENT. THAT IS, BOTH GROWTH AND AGING HAVE STOPPED.



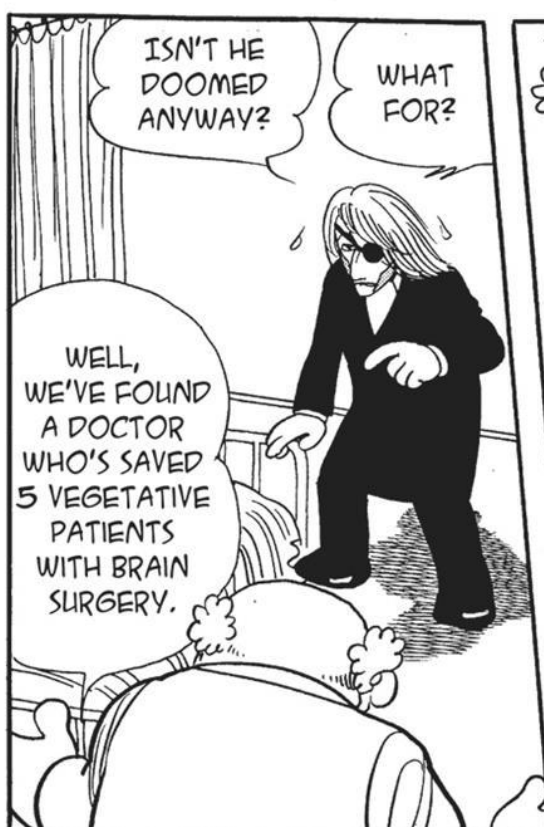
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH AN ODDITY... IT'S UNCANNY.

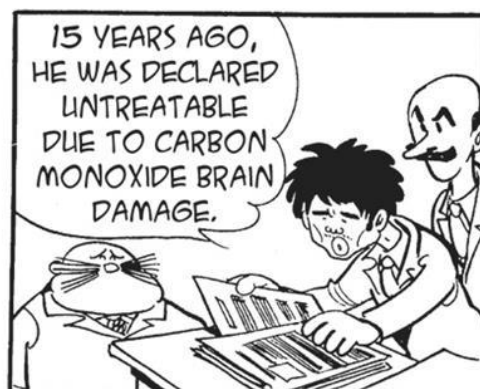
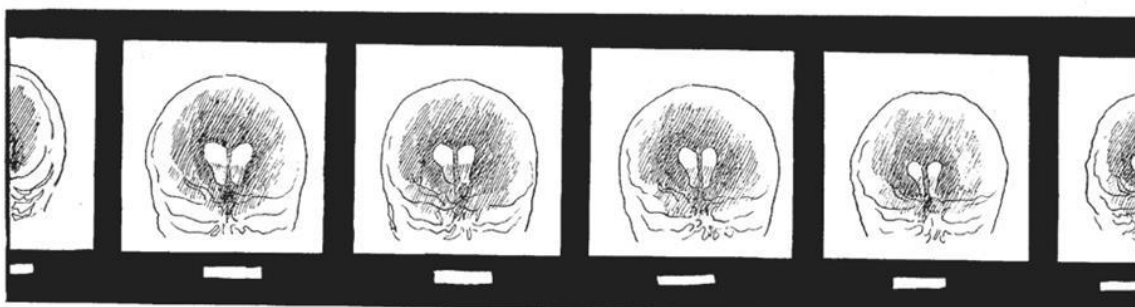
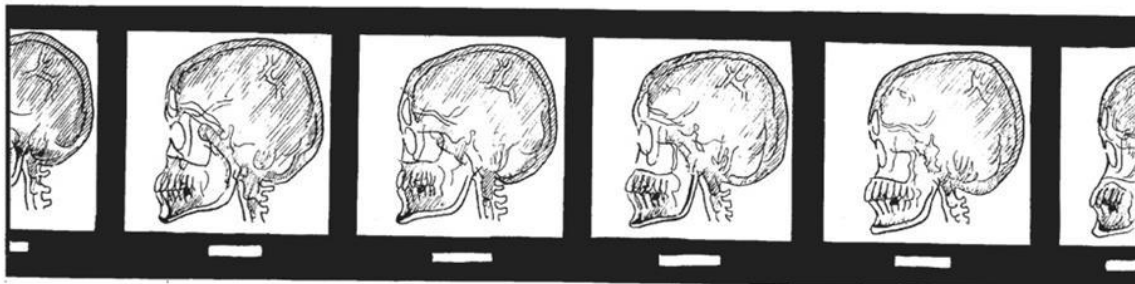
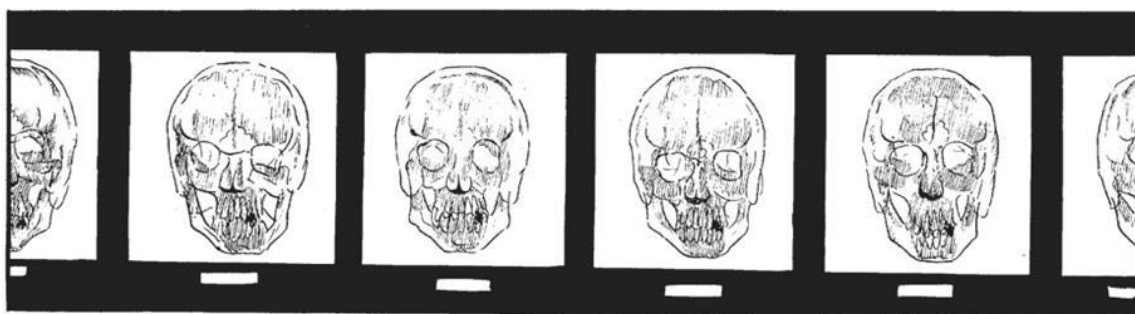


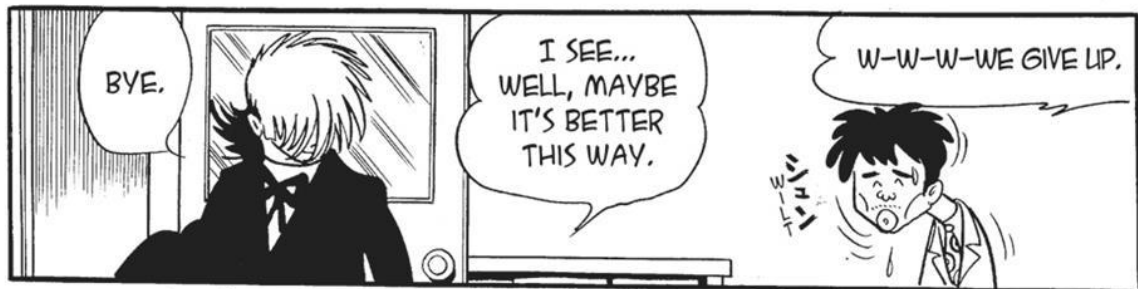
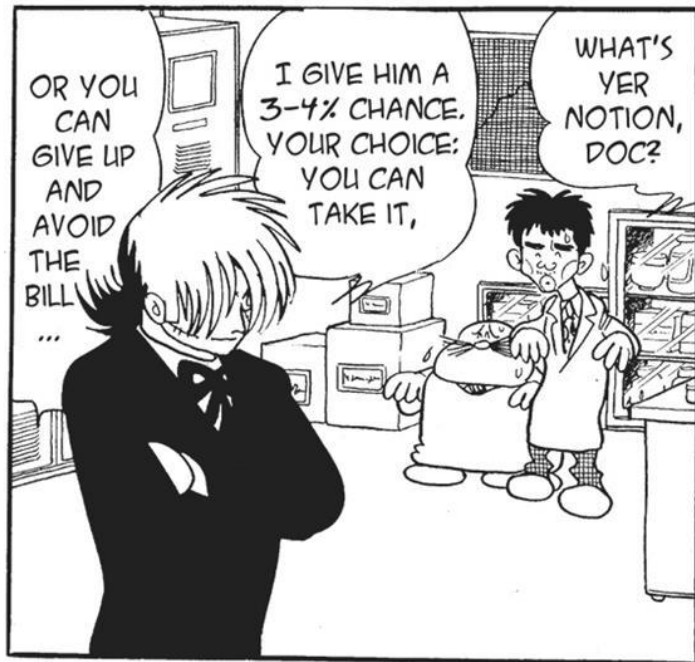
HE COSTS THE HOSPITAL 600,000 A MONTH. WE CAN'T KEEP IT UP.

WE APPEALED TO THE GOVERNMENT AND MEDICAL SOCIETIES, TO NO AVAIL.

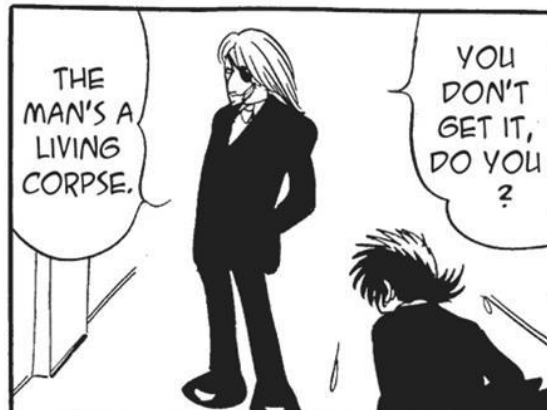
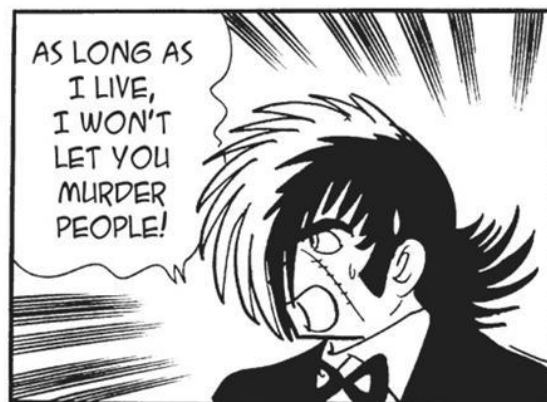
IF WE HAD MONEY, WE'D LIKE TO KEEP STUDYING HIM.

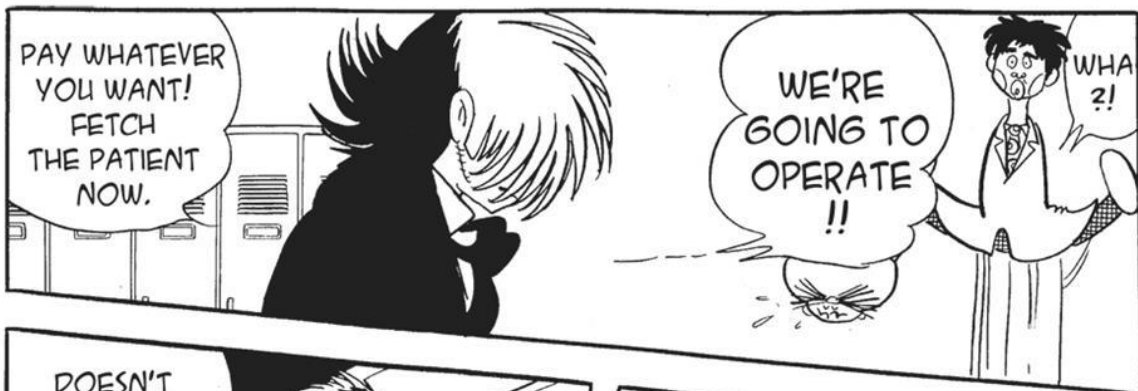


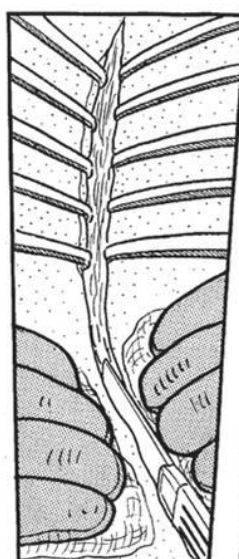
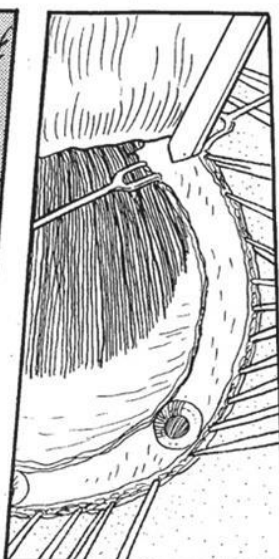
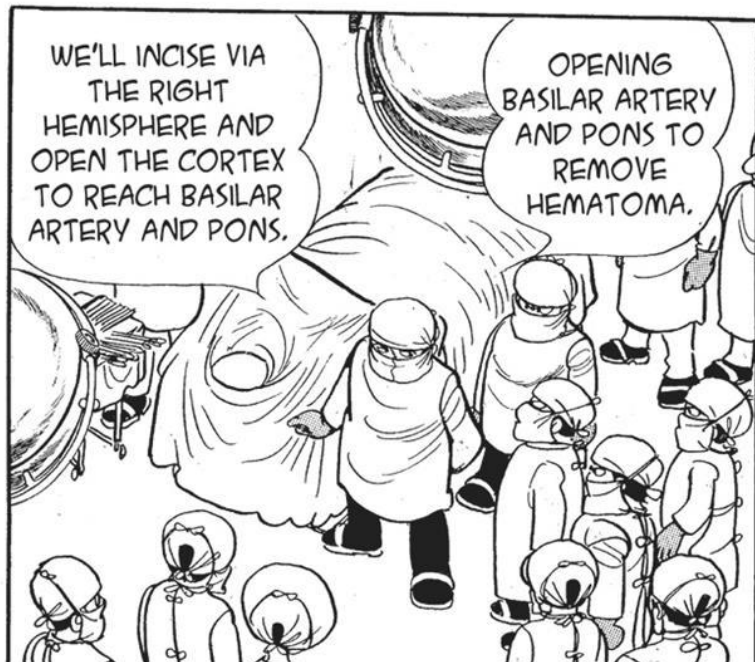
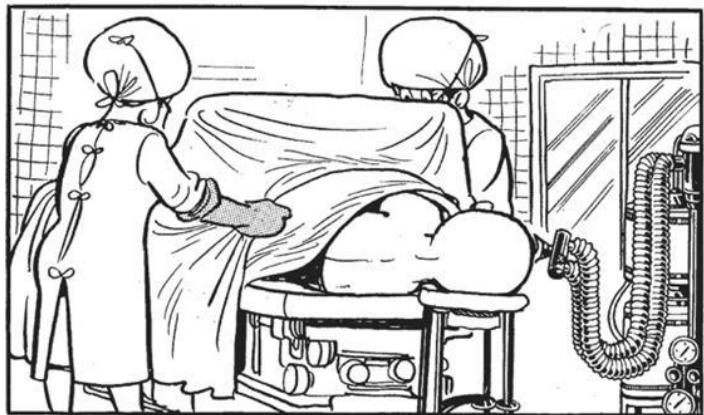
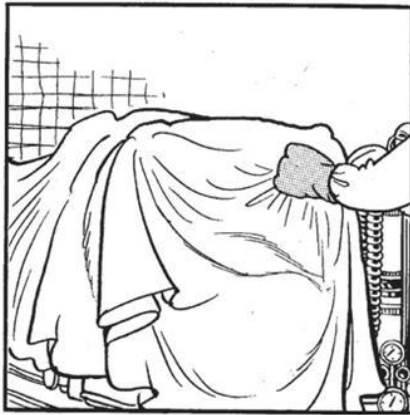


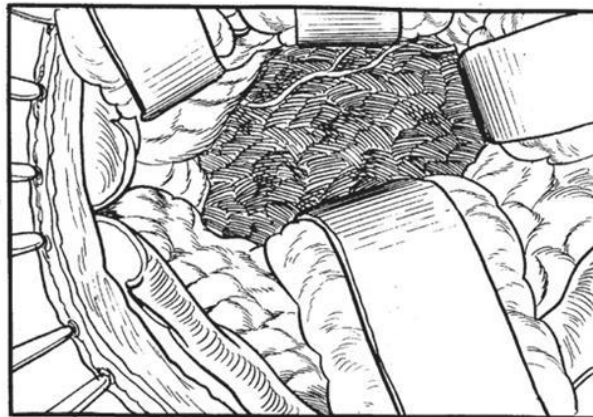




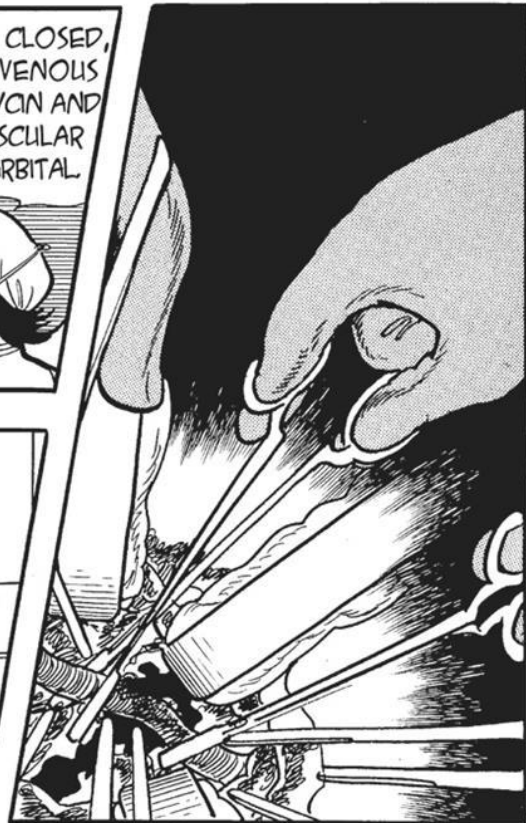
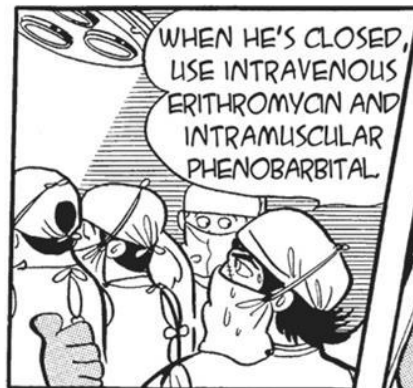
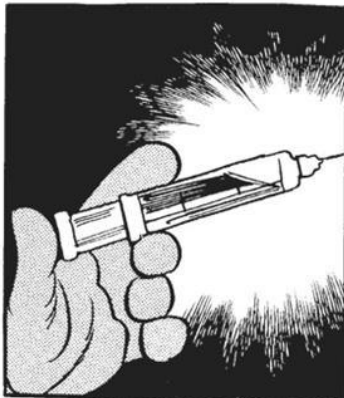


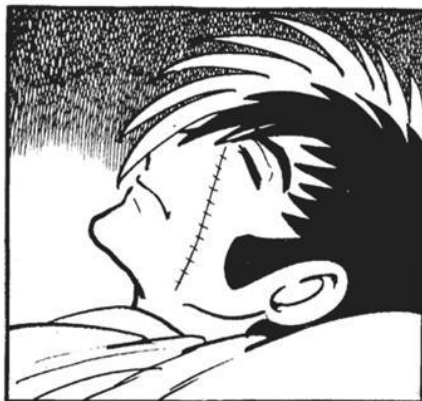
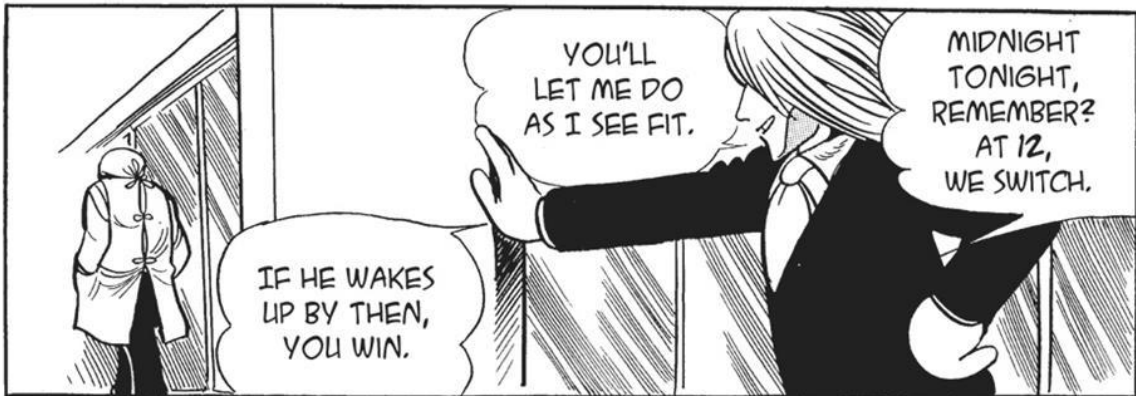


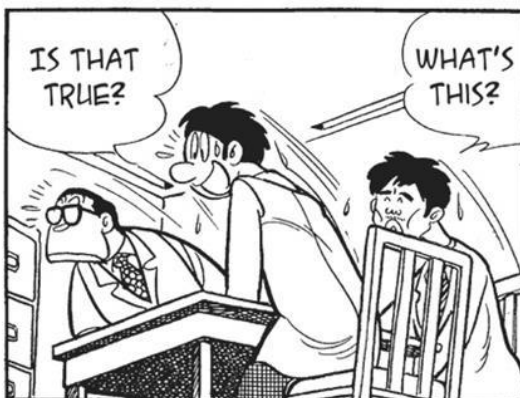
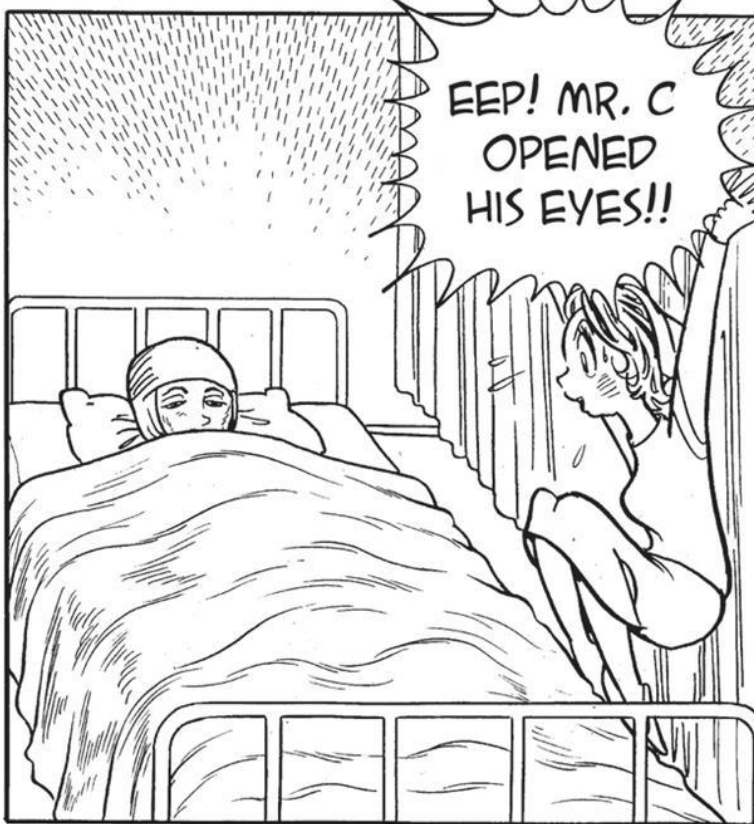
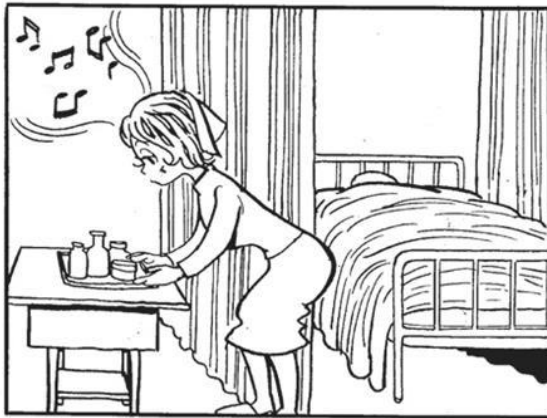


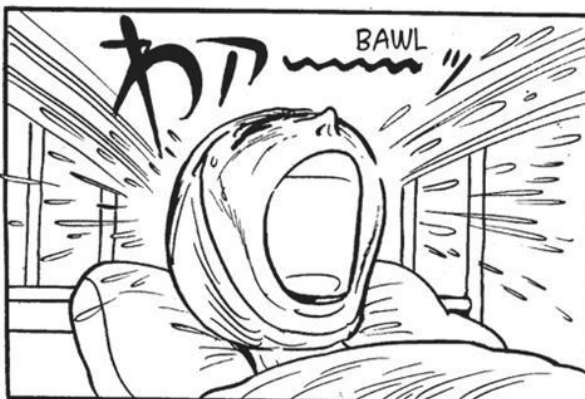




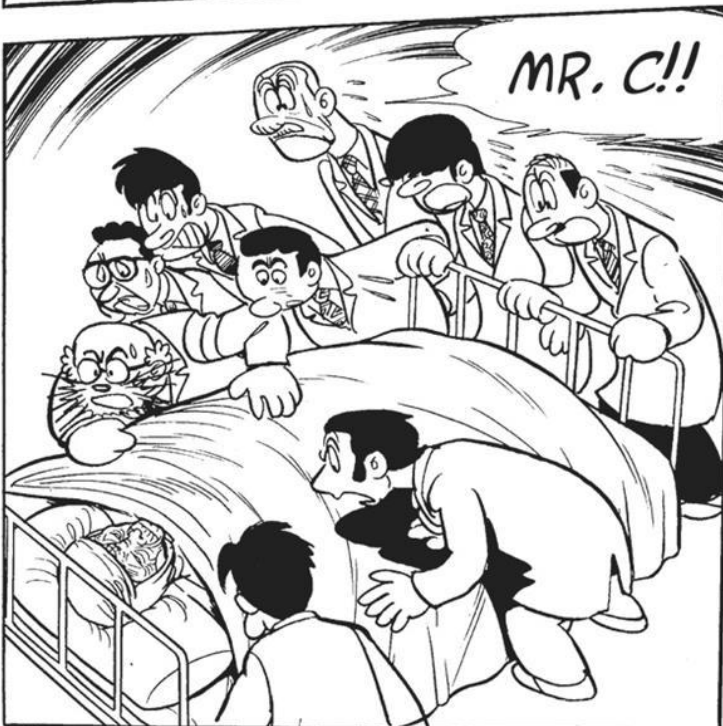


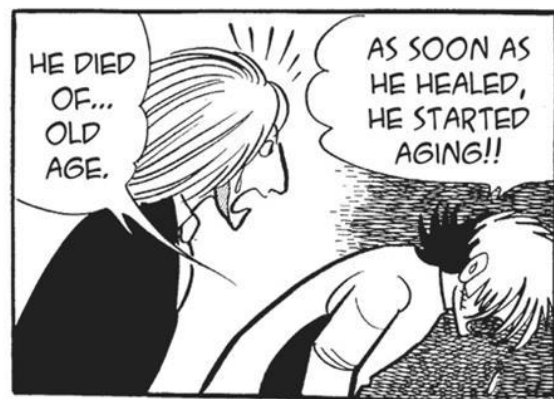
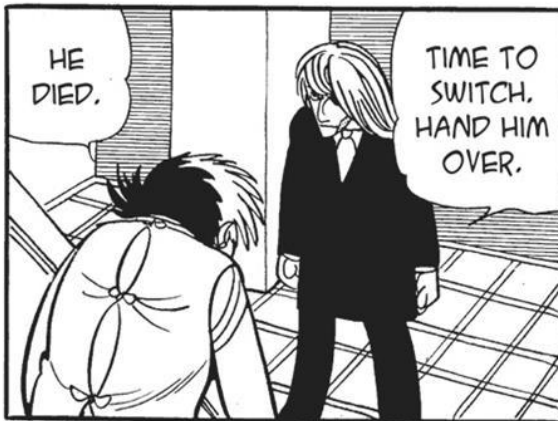




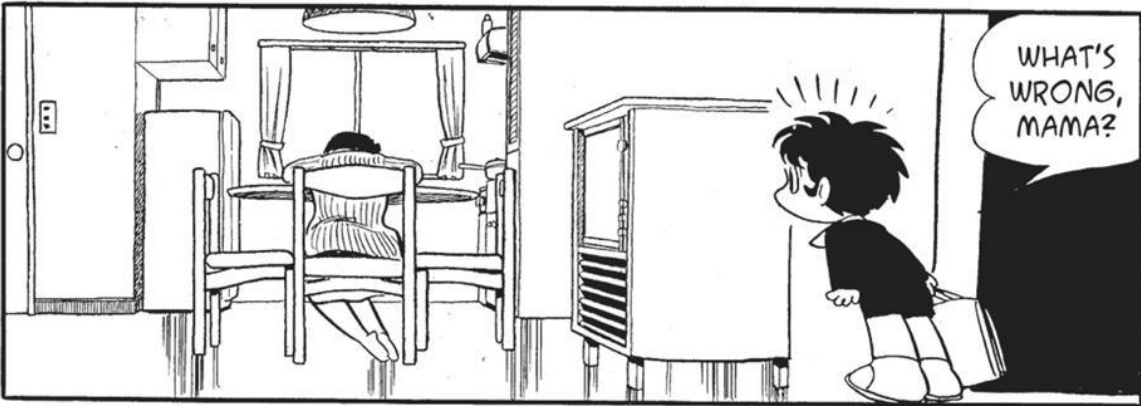
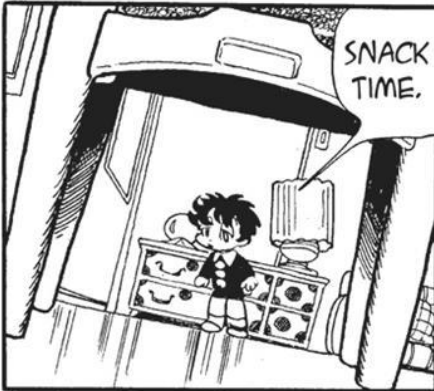






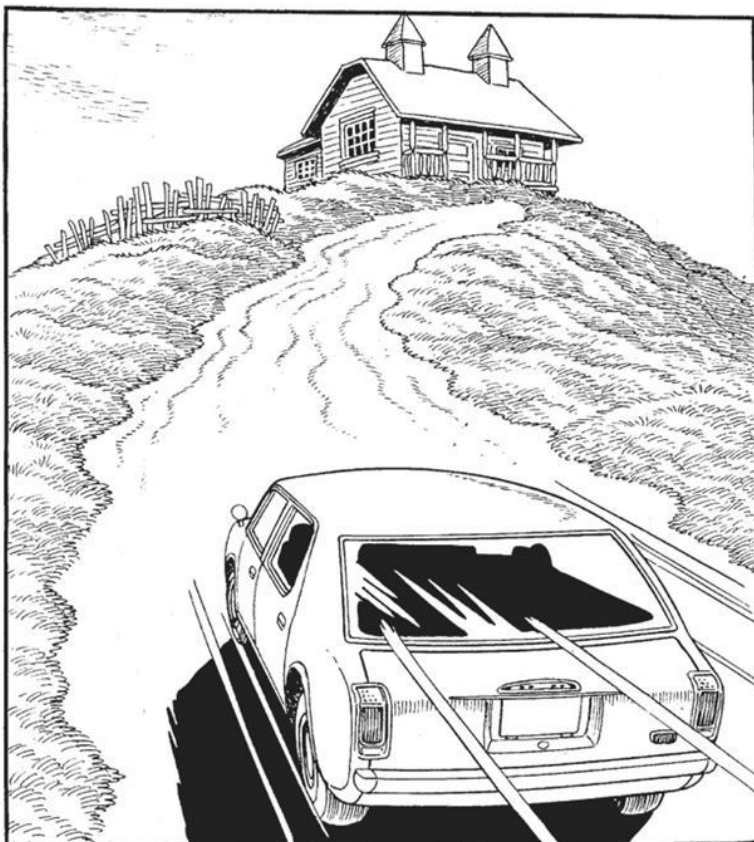


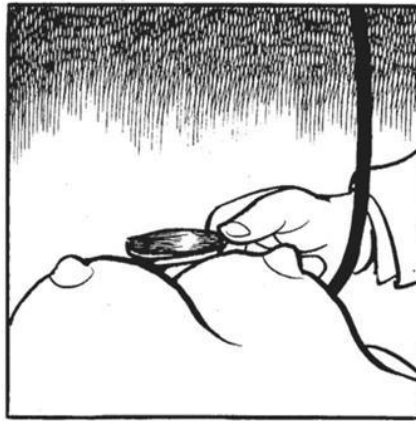
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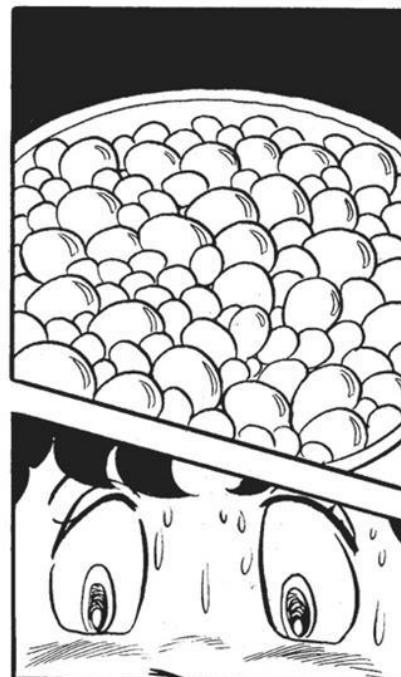
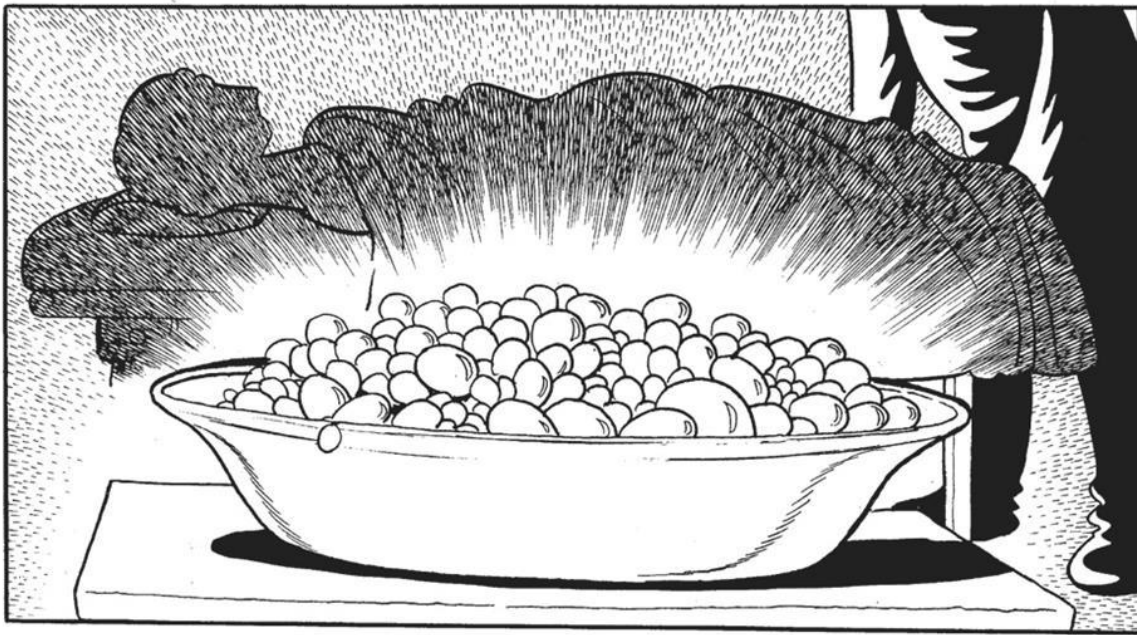


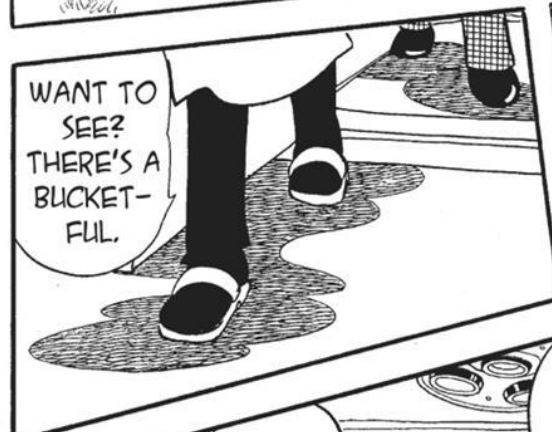


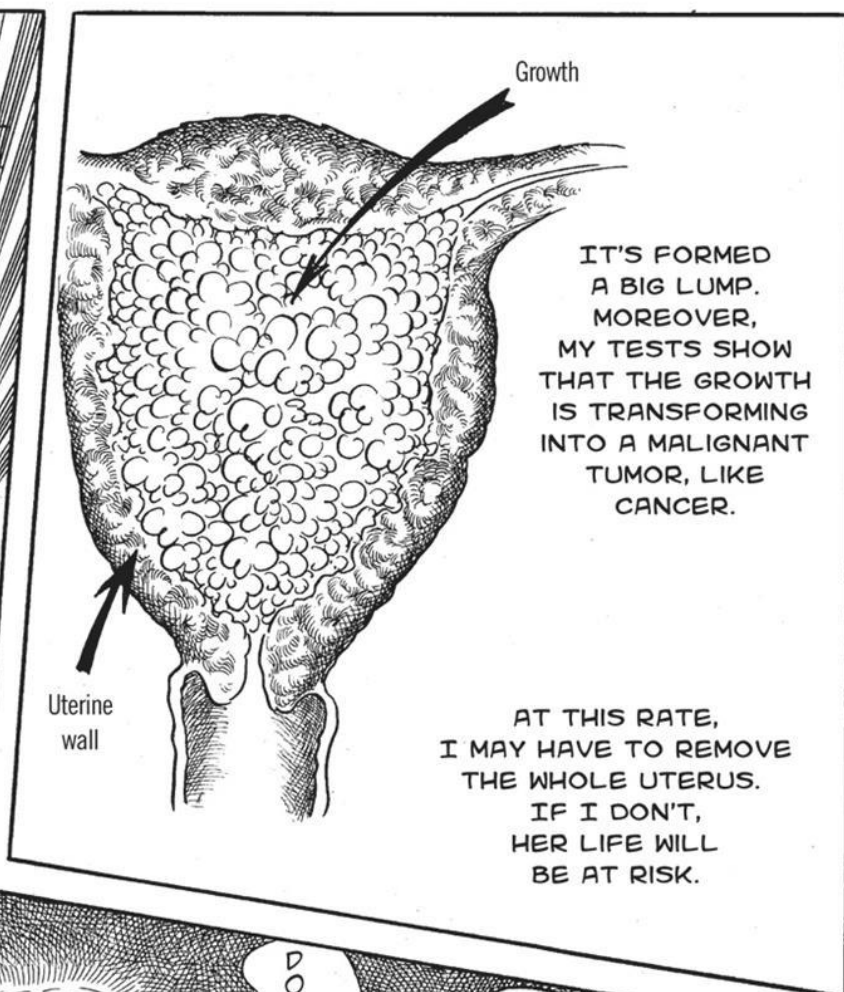






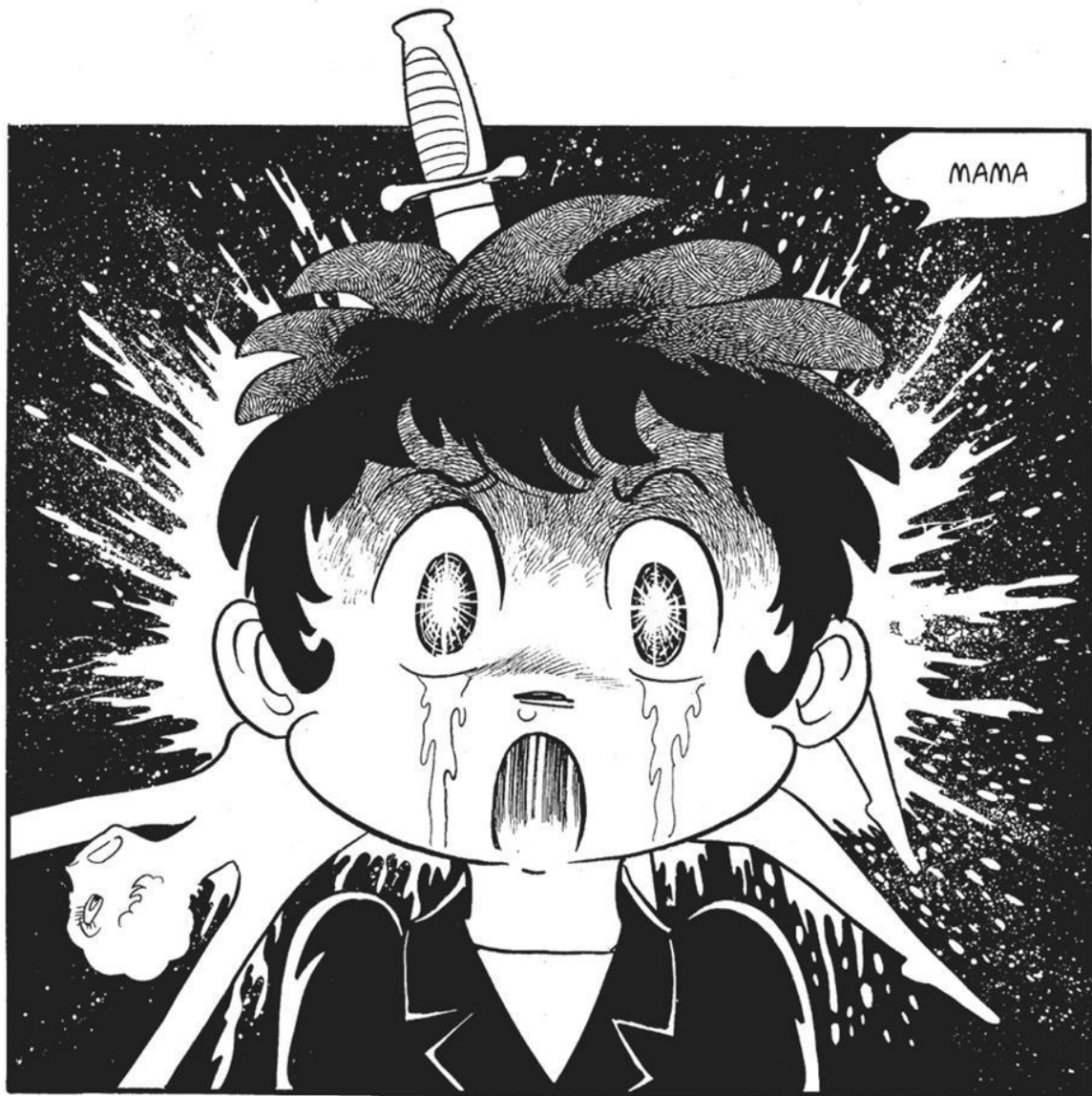




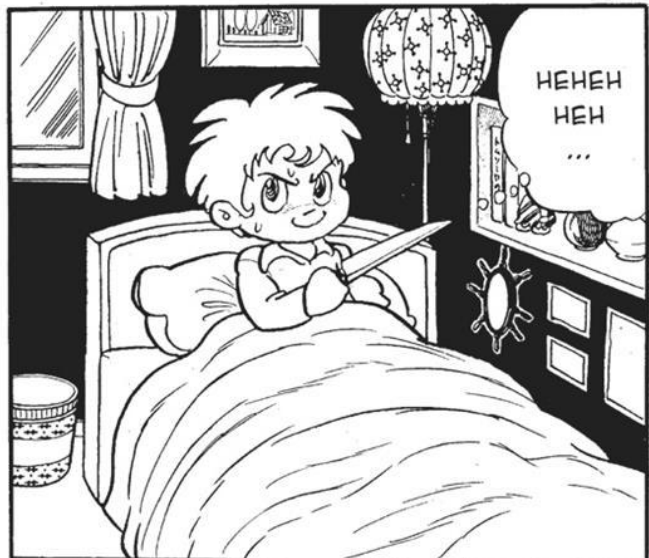




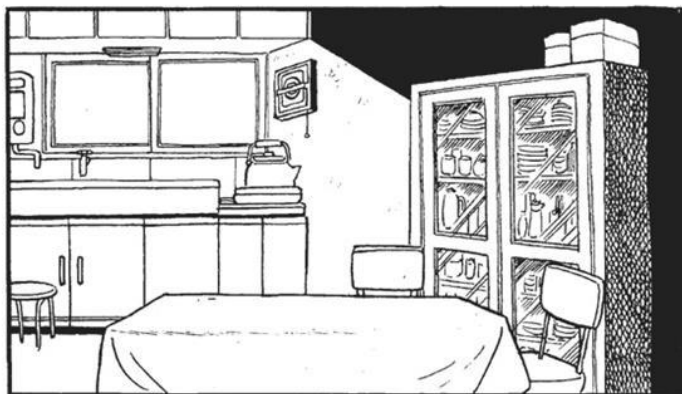




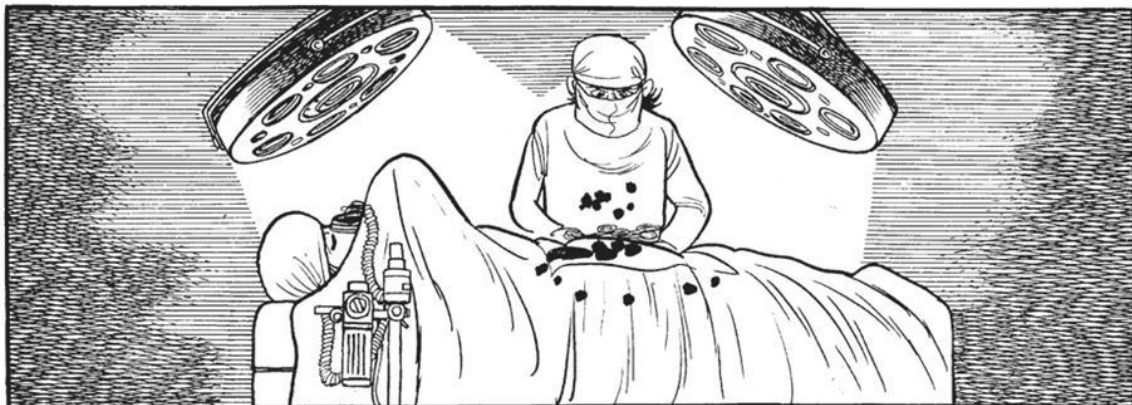


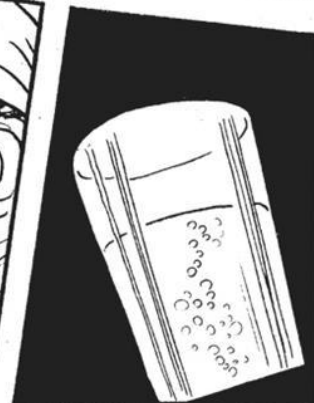






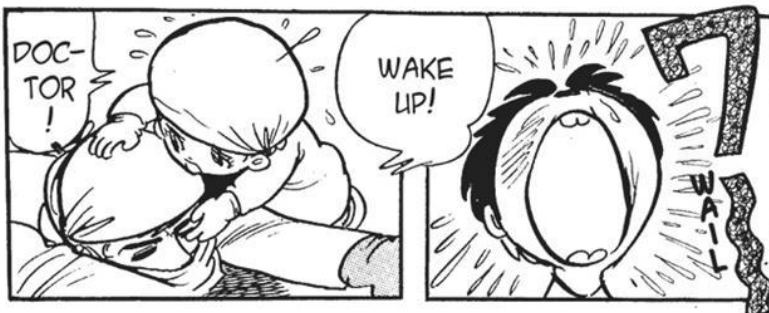


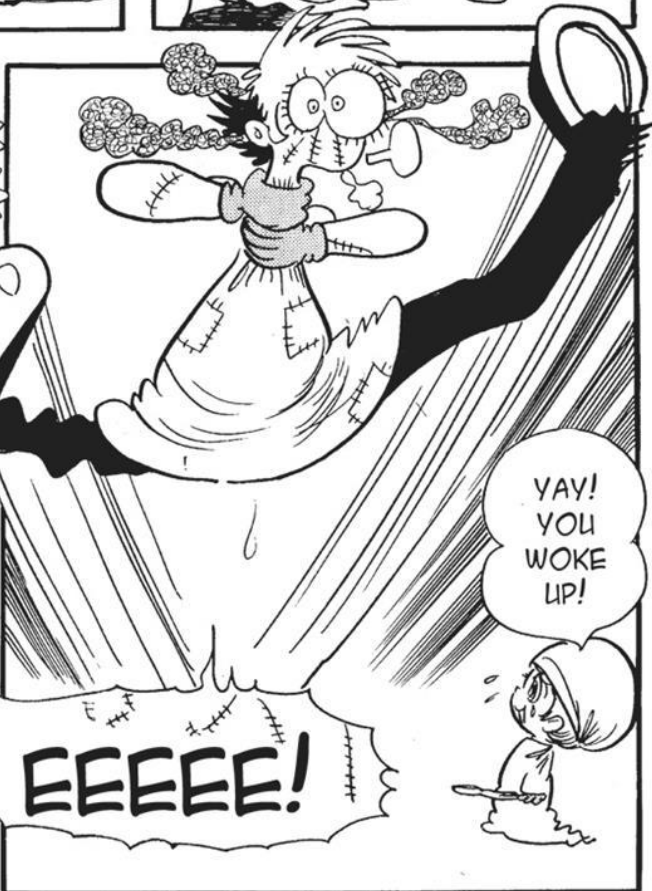












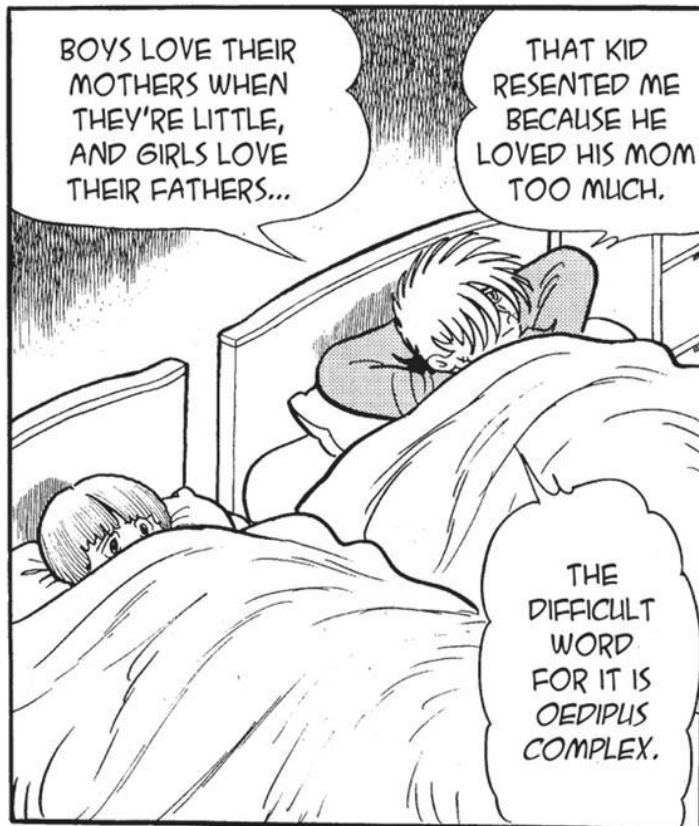


WHY  
THE  
FUNNY  
FACE  
?

WHAT  
IS IT?



...



BOYS LOVE THEIR  
MOTHERS WHEN  
THEY'RE LITTLE,  
AND GIRLS LOVE  
THEIR FATHERS...

THAT KID  
RESENTED ME  
BECAUSE HE  
LOVED HIS MOM  
TOO MUCH.

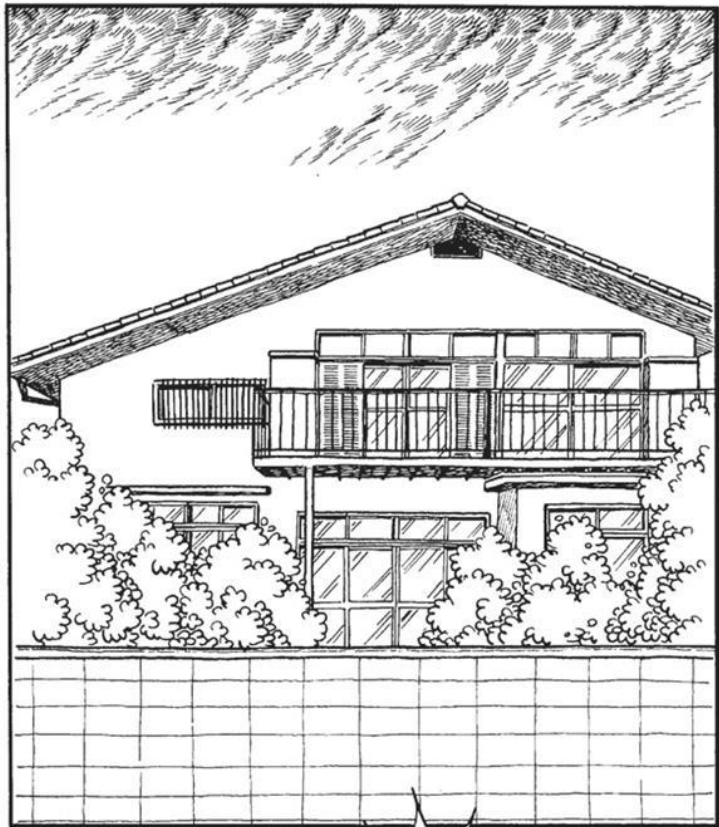
THE  
DIFFICULT  
WORD  
FOR IT IS  
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COMPLEX.

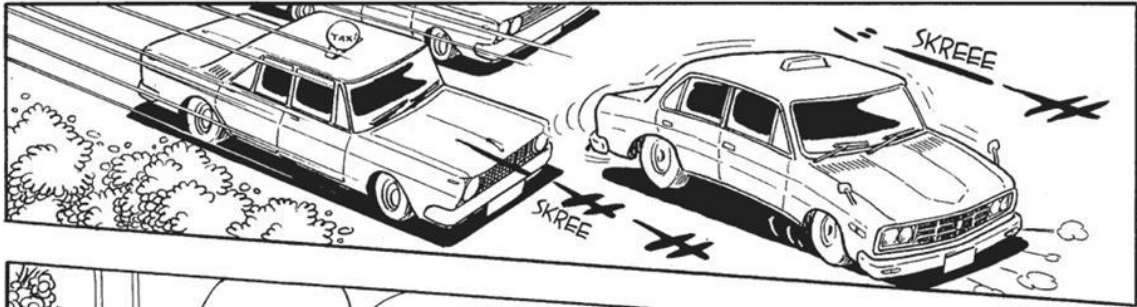


ACCHON  
BURIKE



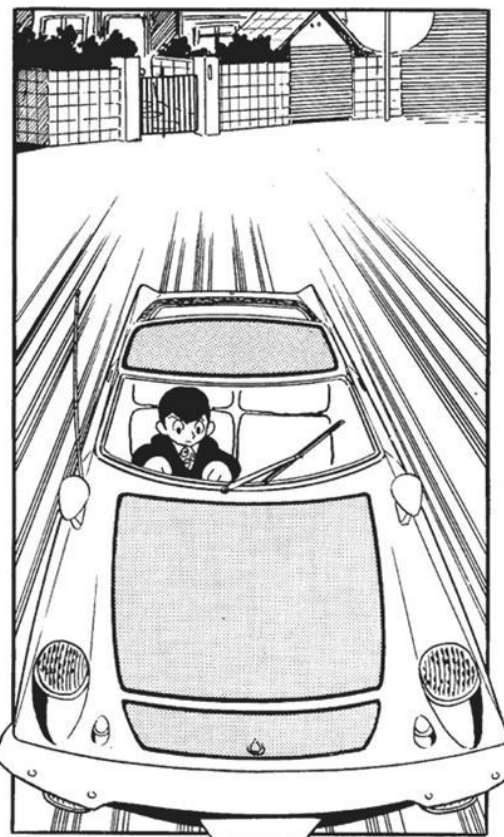
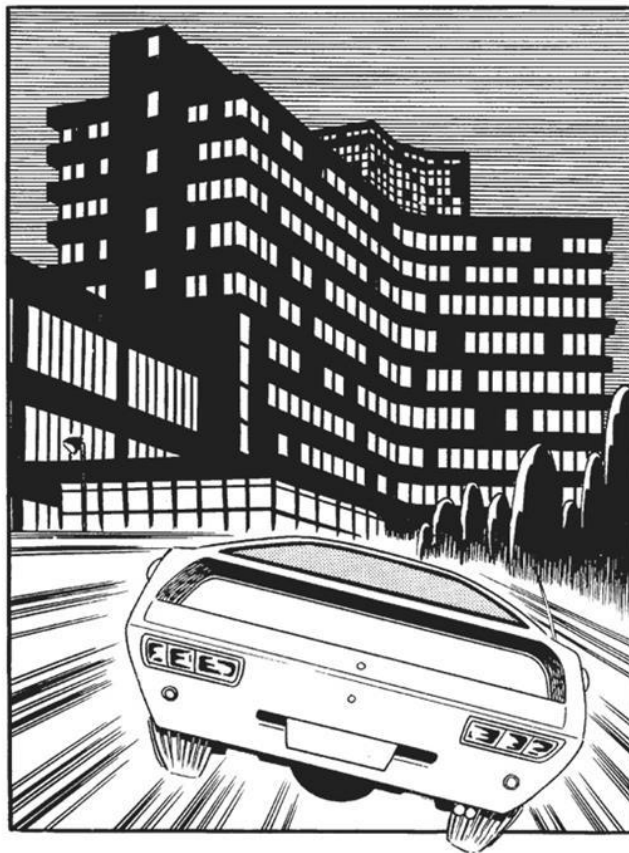
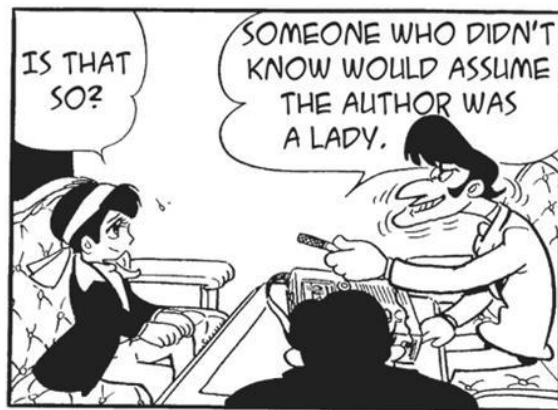
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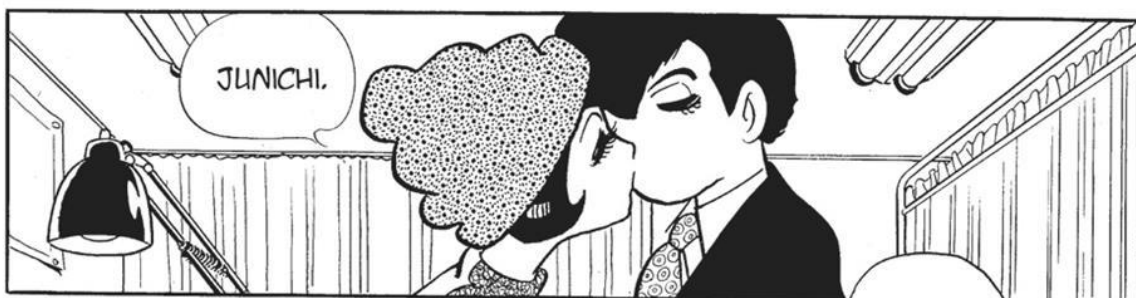
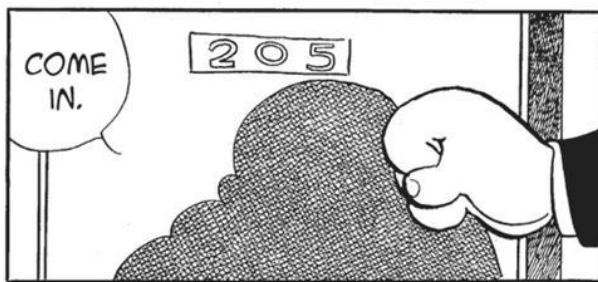




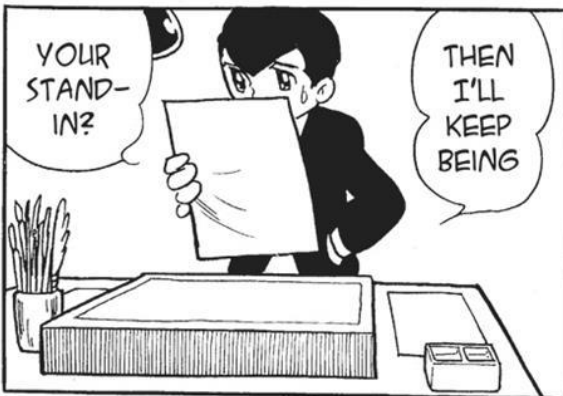
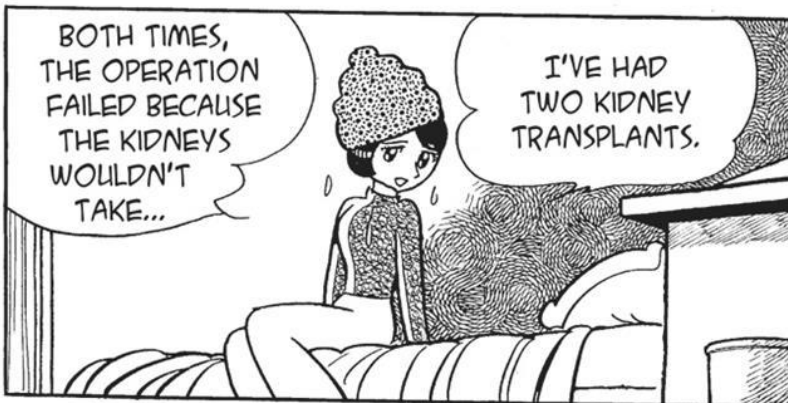






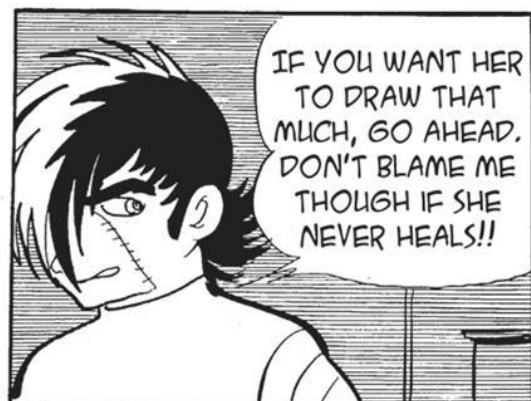
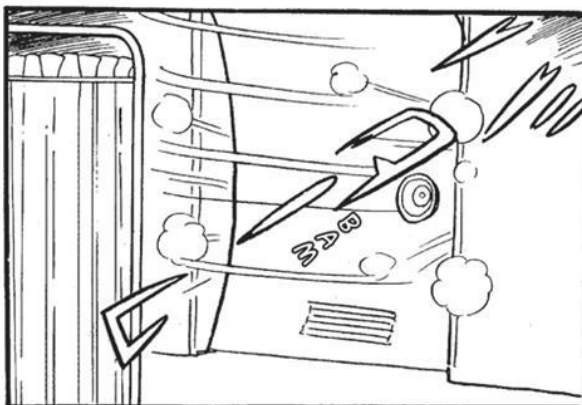
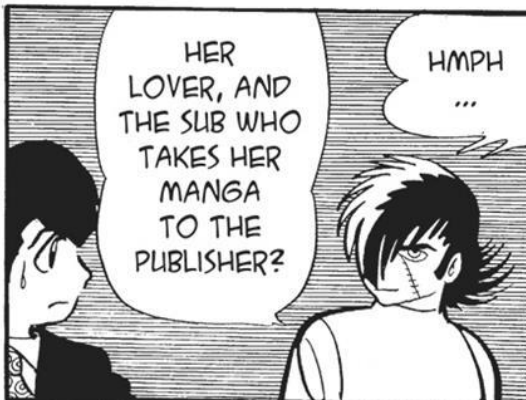
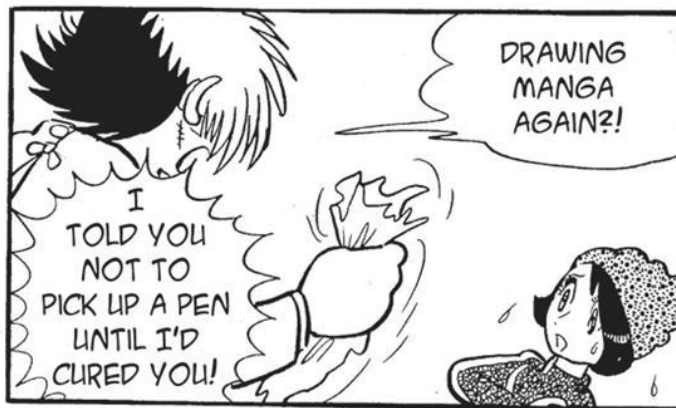


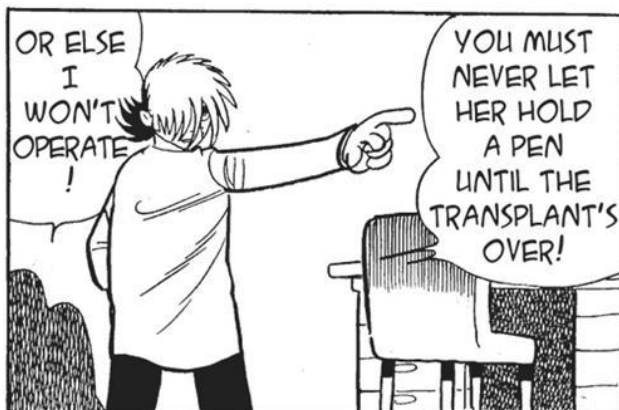
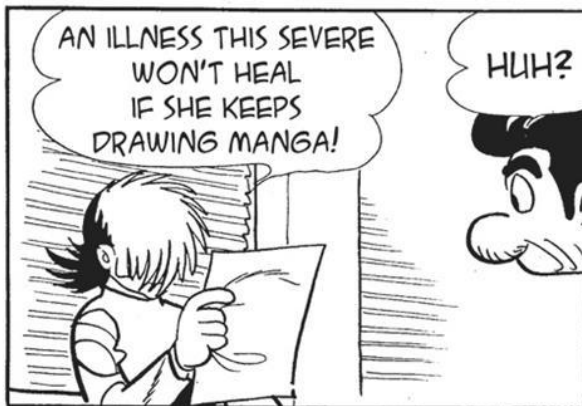
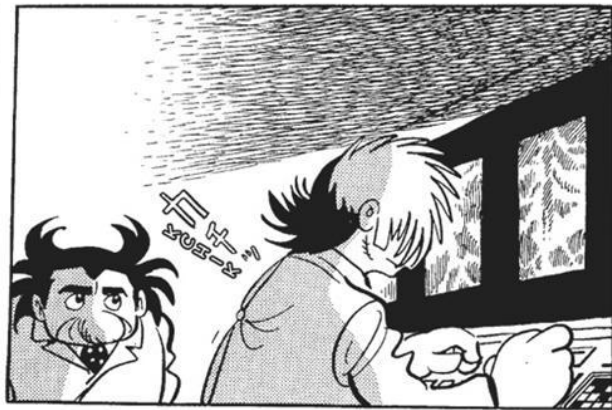
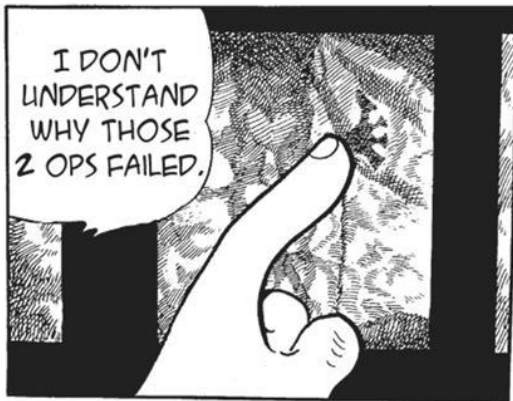






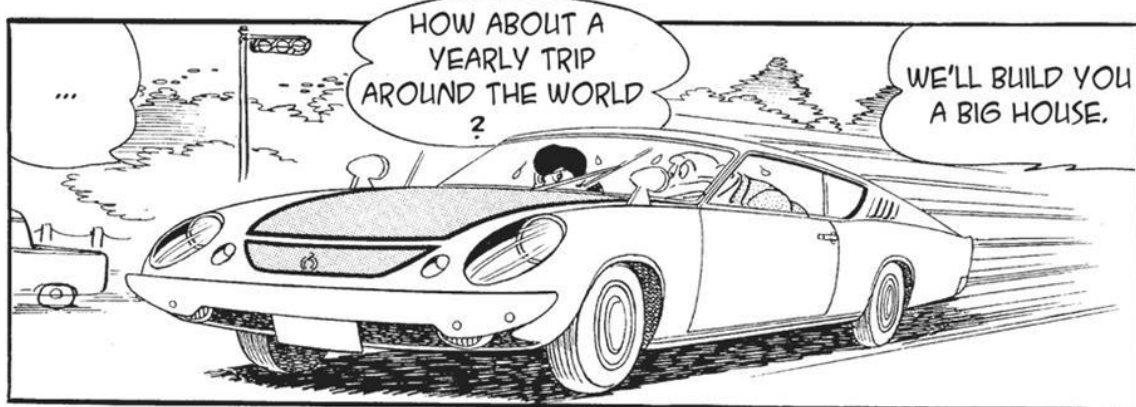


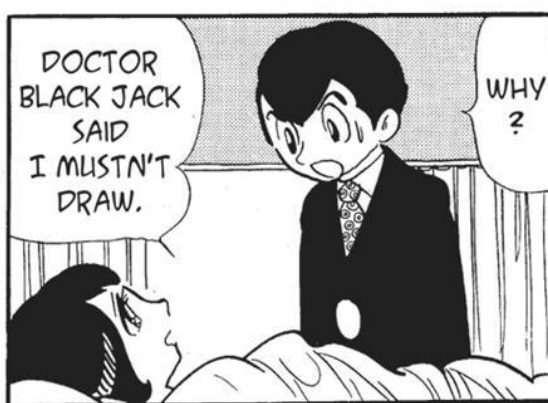


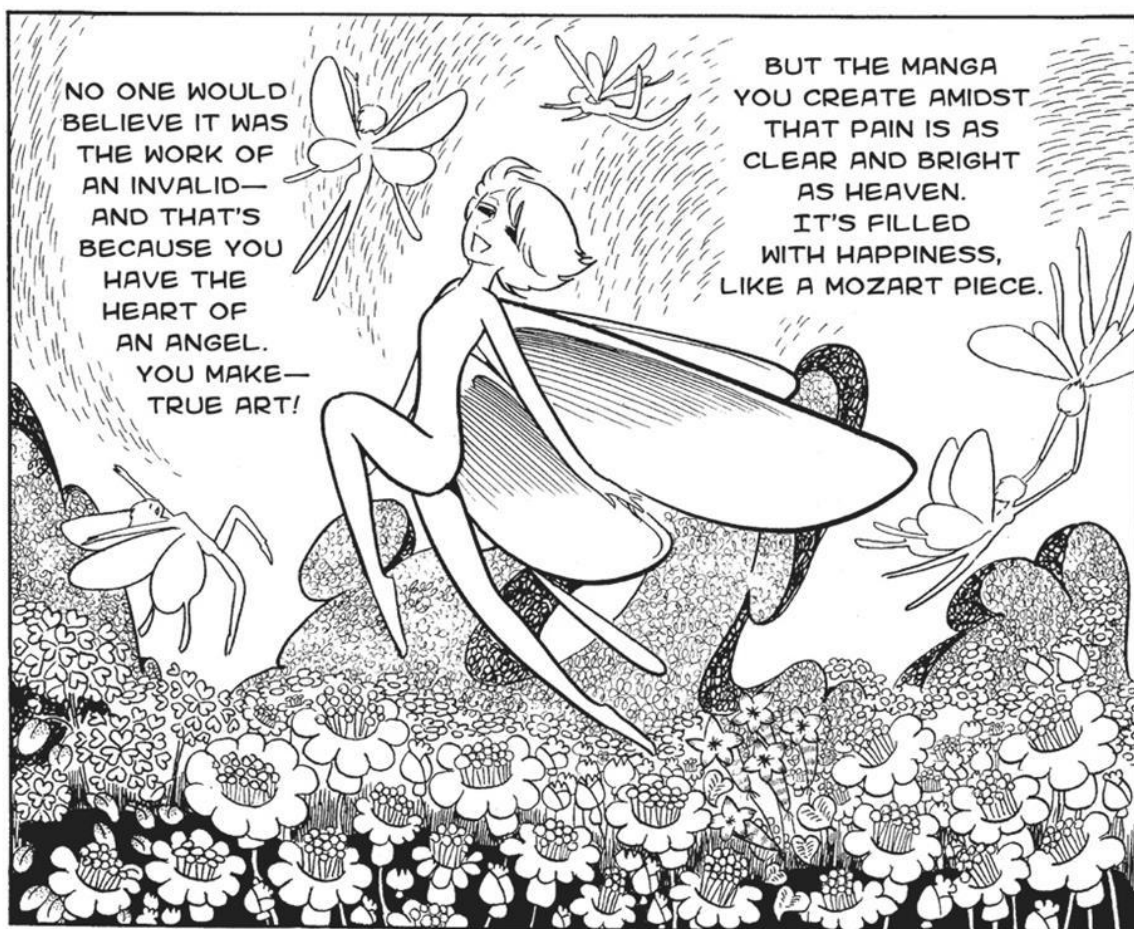






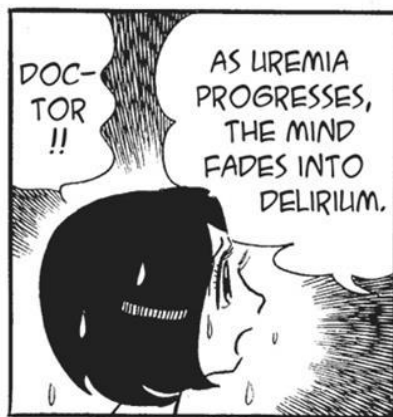














DO YOU  
HAVE A  
SUITABLE  
CORPSE  
?



WE NEED  
ONE THE  
SAME  
AGE!

50?  
NO  
...



WHAT?  
A PATIENT  
JUST DIED?  
HOW OLD?

GOT ANY  
CADAVER  
DONORS  
?



I'LL  
DRAW,  
ALL  
RIGHT?

I  
WILL  
!!

I GET IT!  
FINE,  
I'LL DRAW!



I CAN'T...



YOU HAVEN'T  
DRAWN  
A PAGE?!

WHAT'S  
GOING ON,  
MR. INOTANI  
?!

PLEASE  
DRAW  
SOMETHING,  
ANYTHING!

WORK OUT  
YOUR  
PROBLEM!



I'M DONE  
FOR...

I  
WANT  
TO  
DIE.

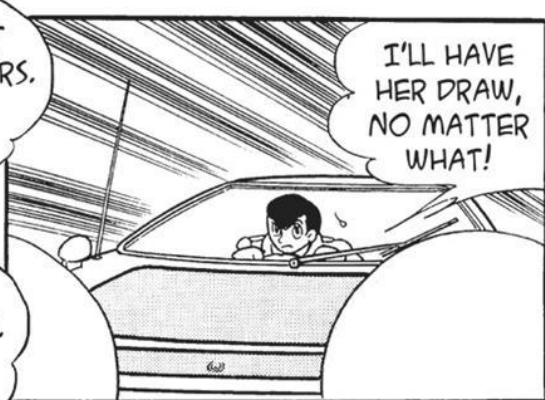
YOU'VE GOT  
TO LIVE!!  
FIGHT WITH ALL  
YOUR STRENGTH  
TO LIVE!!



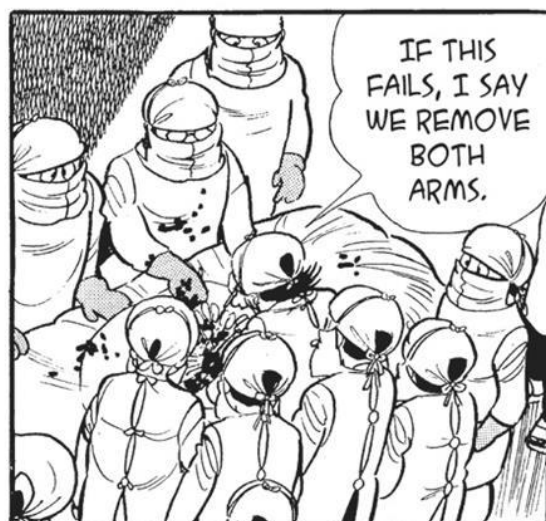
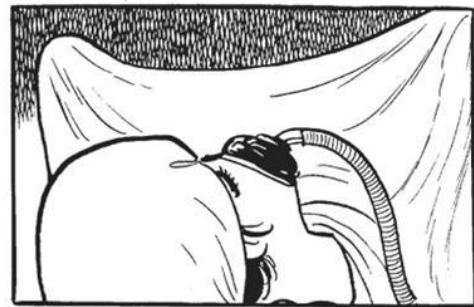
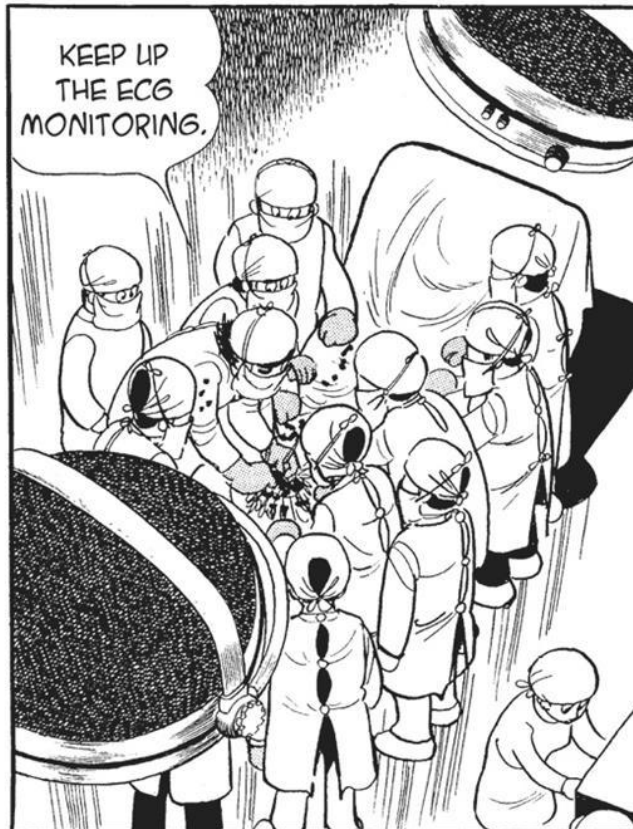
I KNOW  
IT HURTS.  
HANG ON!

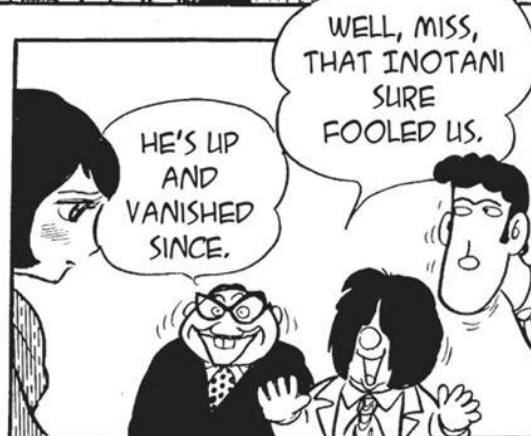
OH HH...  
UGH HH...

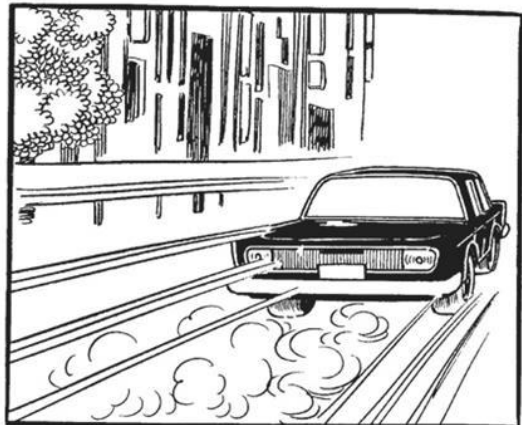
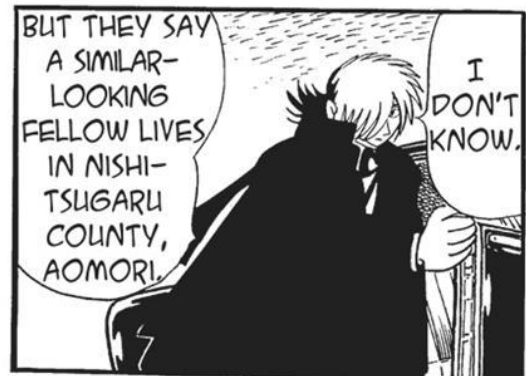
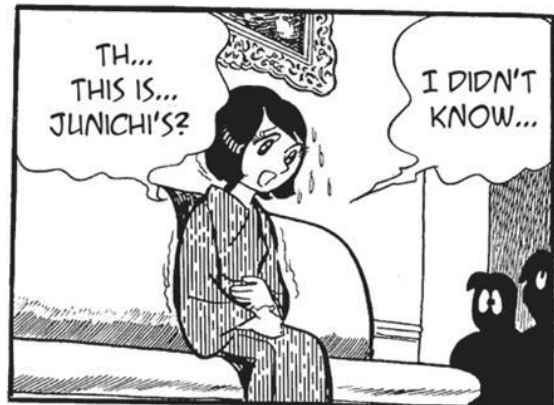
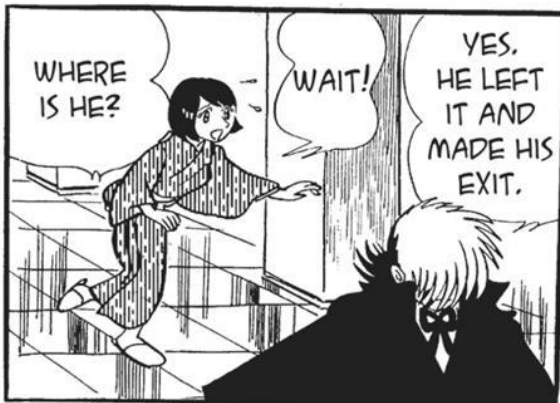






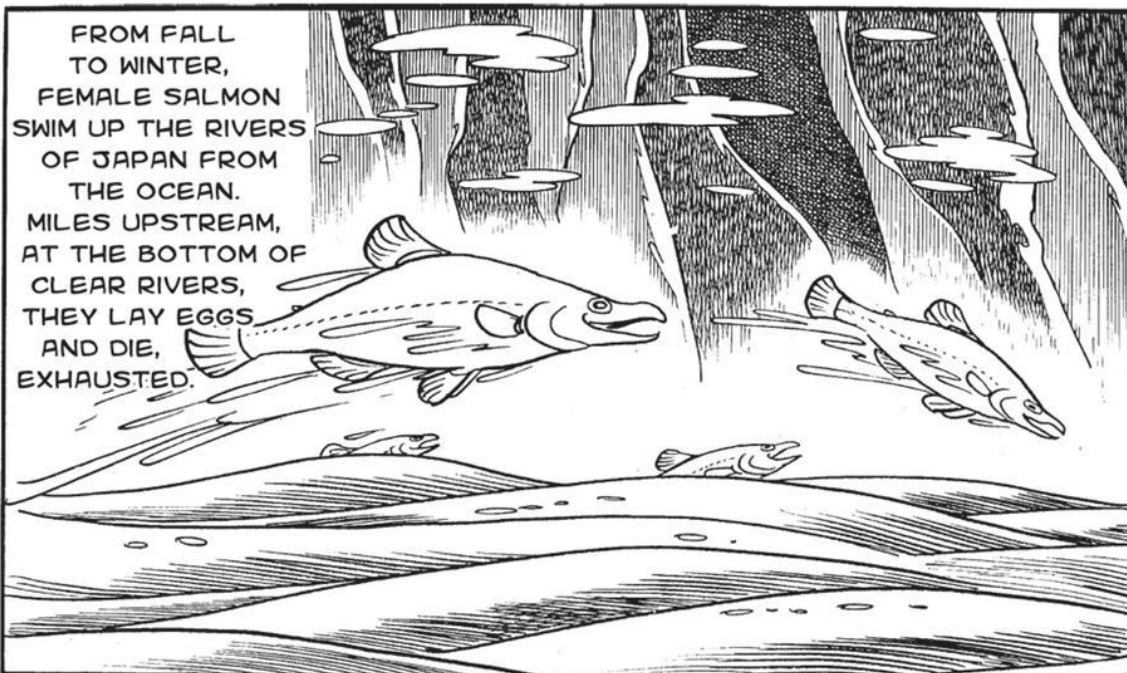


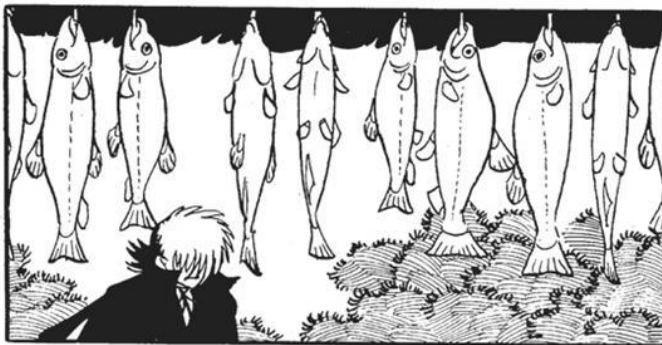
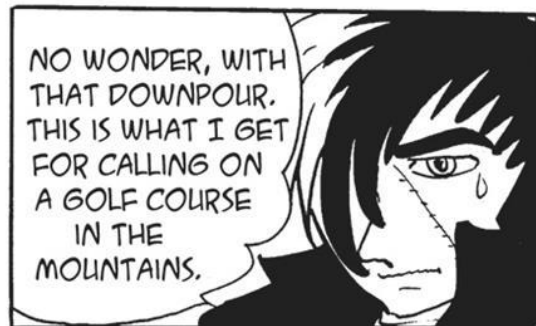
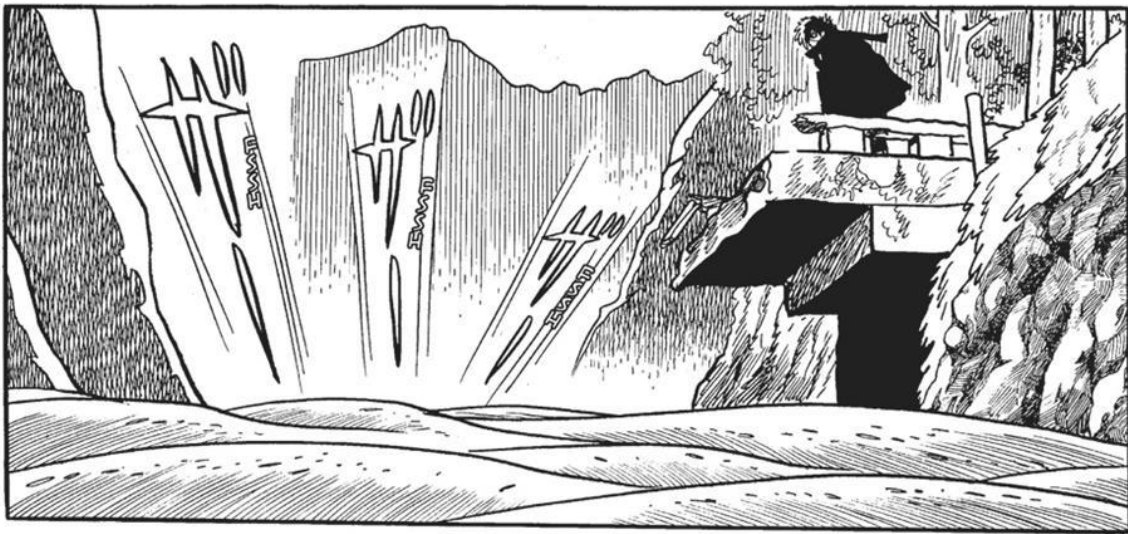


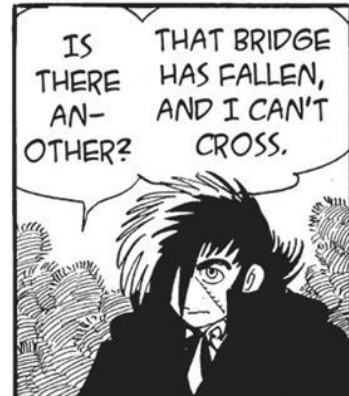
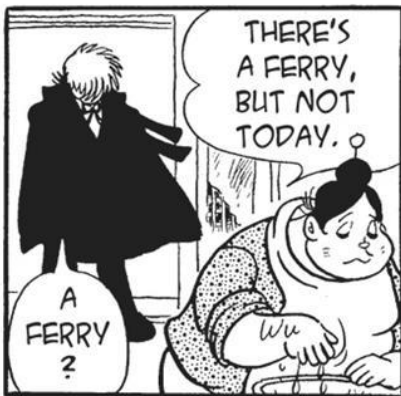


## A RAPID CURRENT



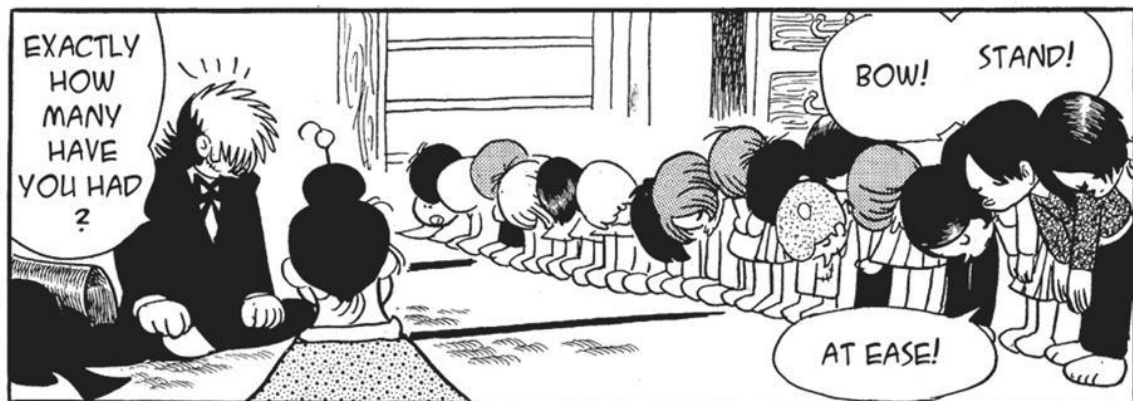
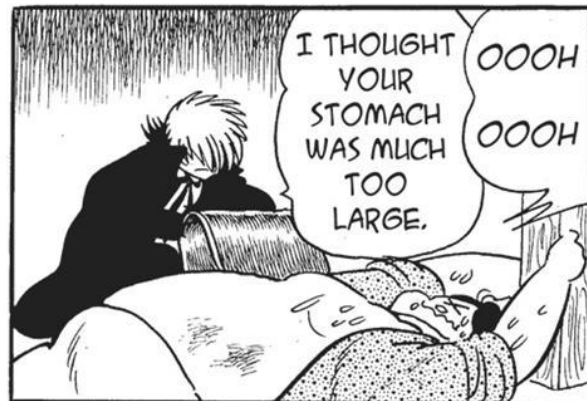


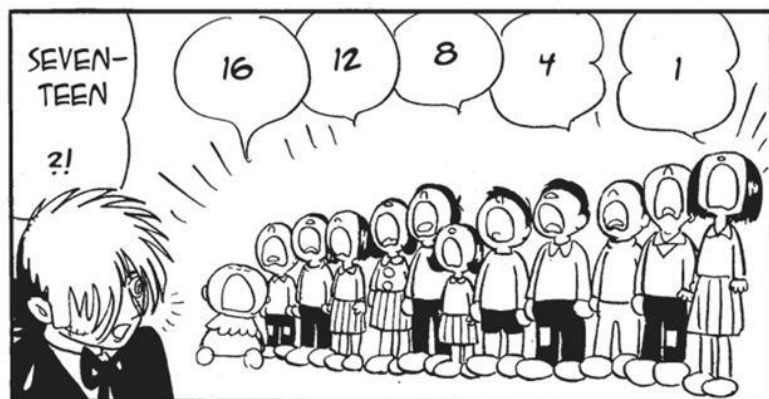


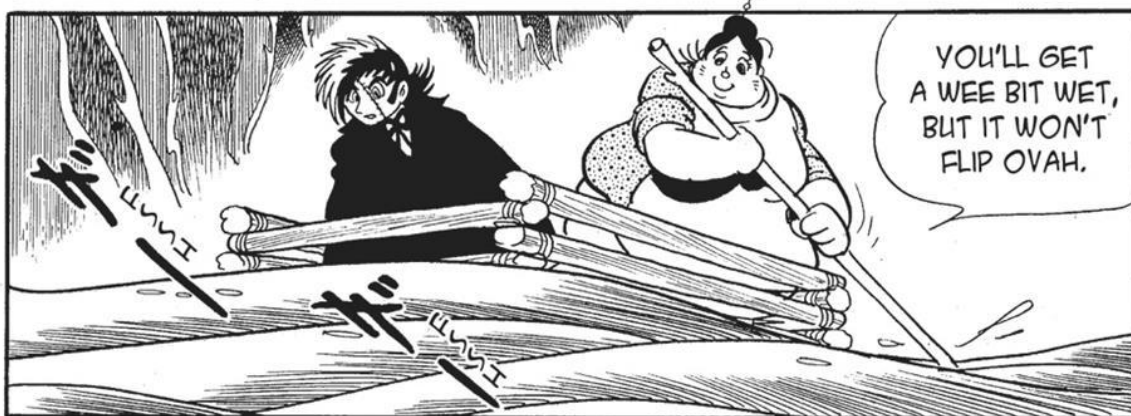
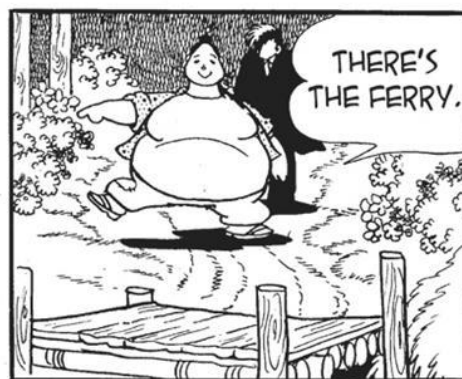








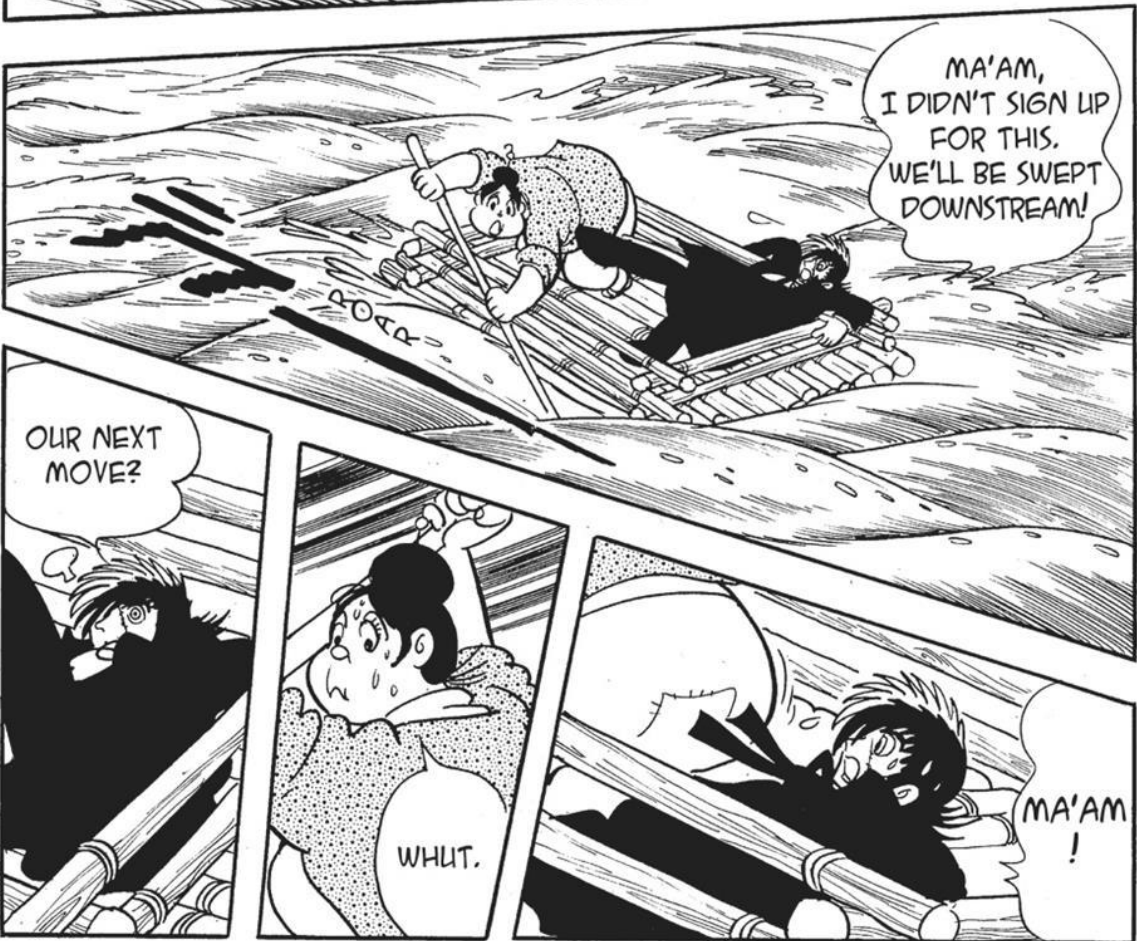
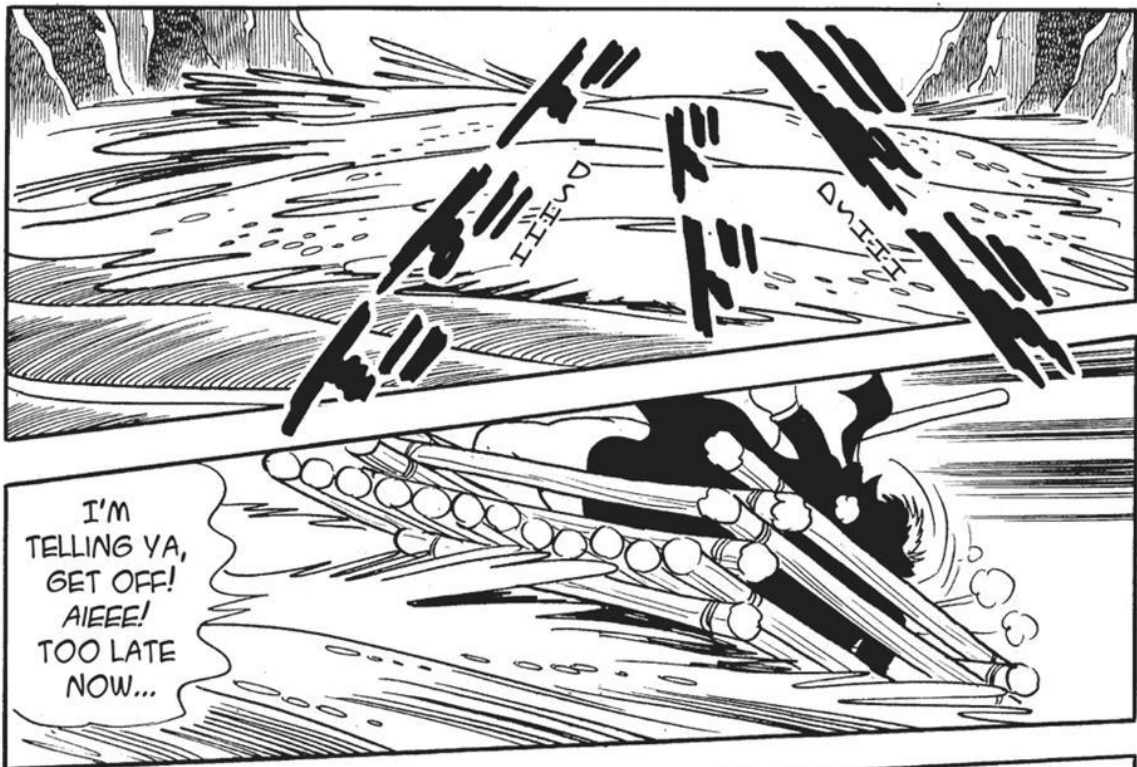


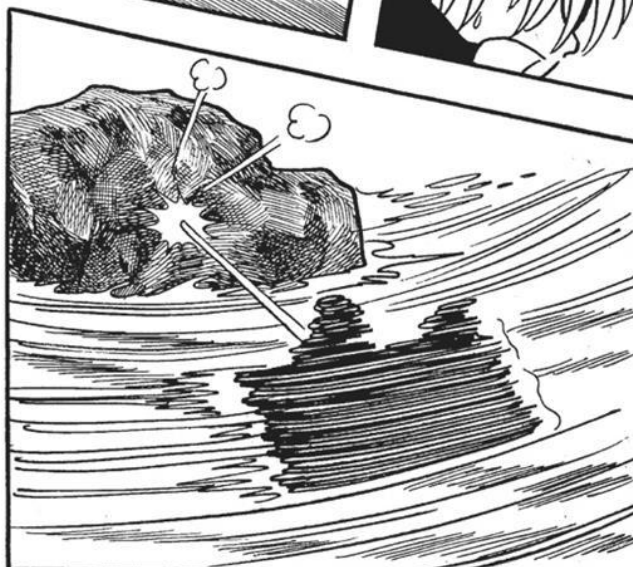
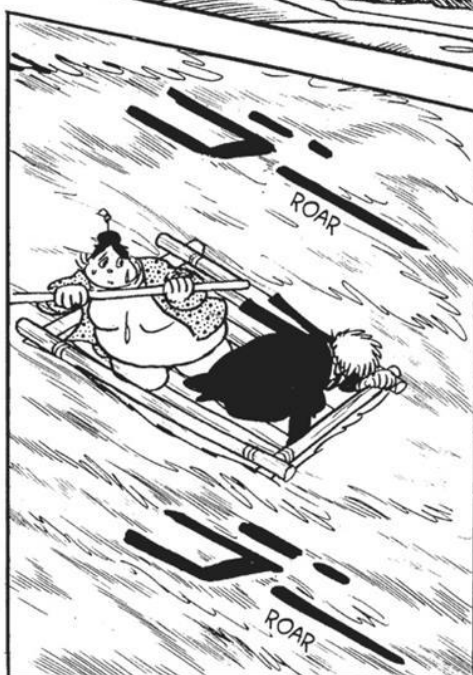




NOTE: "ARAMAKI" SALTED SALMON USES LESS OF THE PRESERVATIVE THAN THE REGULAR KIND TO ALLOW FOR A RICHER TASTE. SINCE IT SPOILS SOONER, IT HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN A NEW YEAR'S DELICACY.

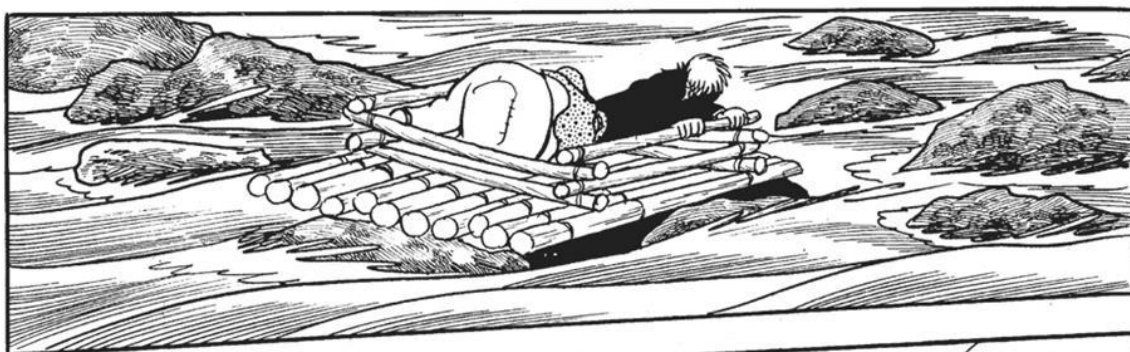






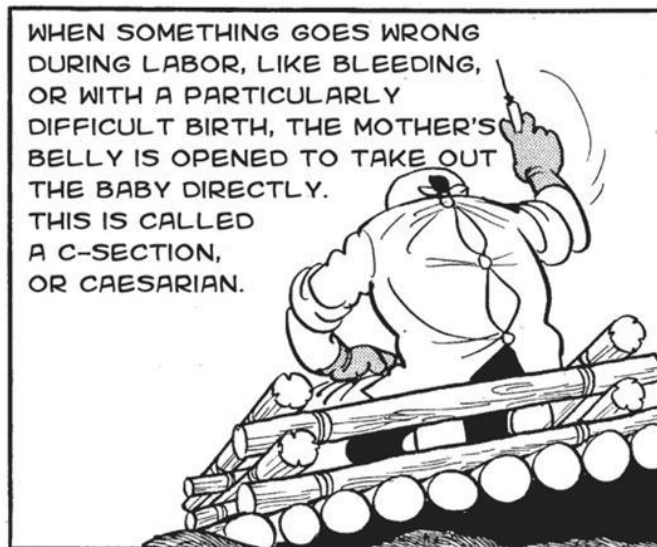


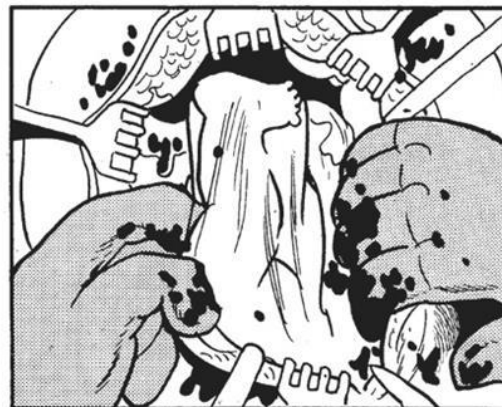
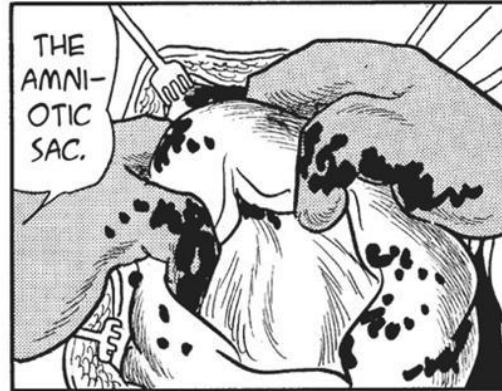
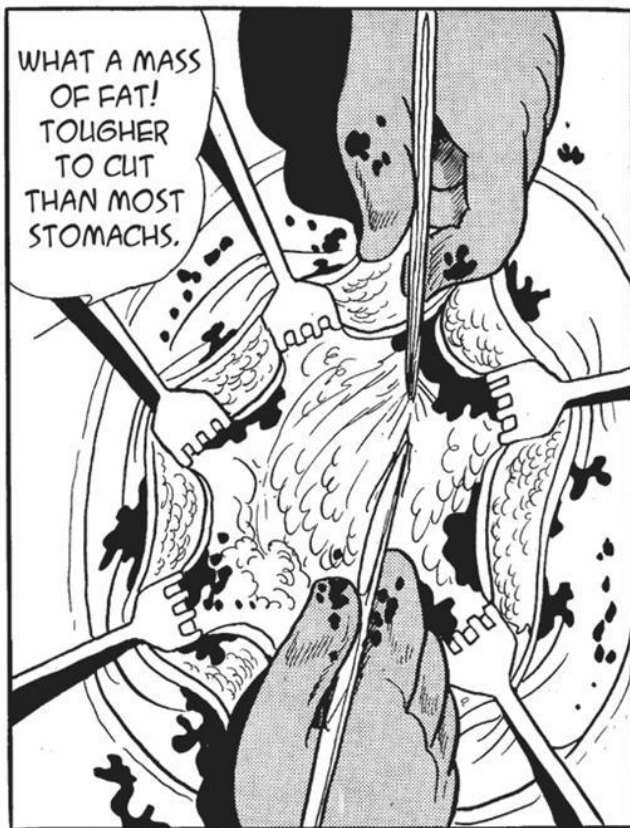






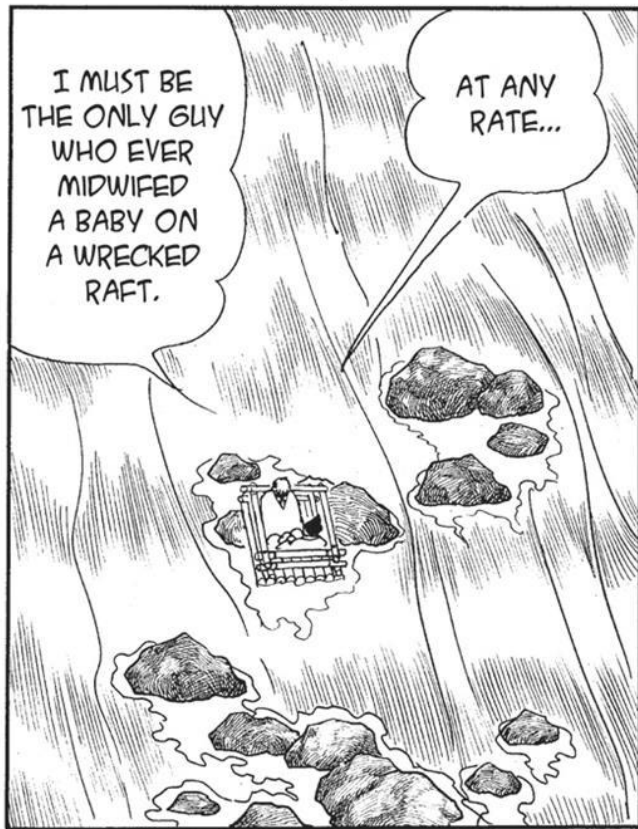




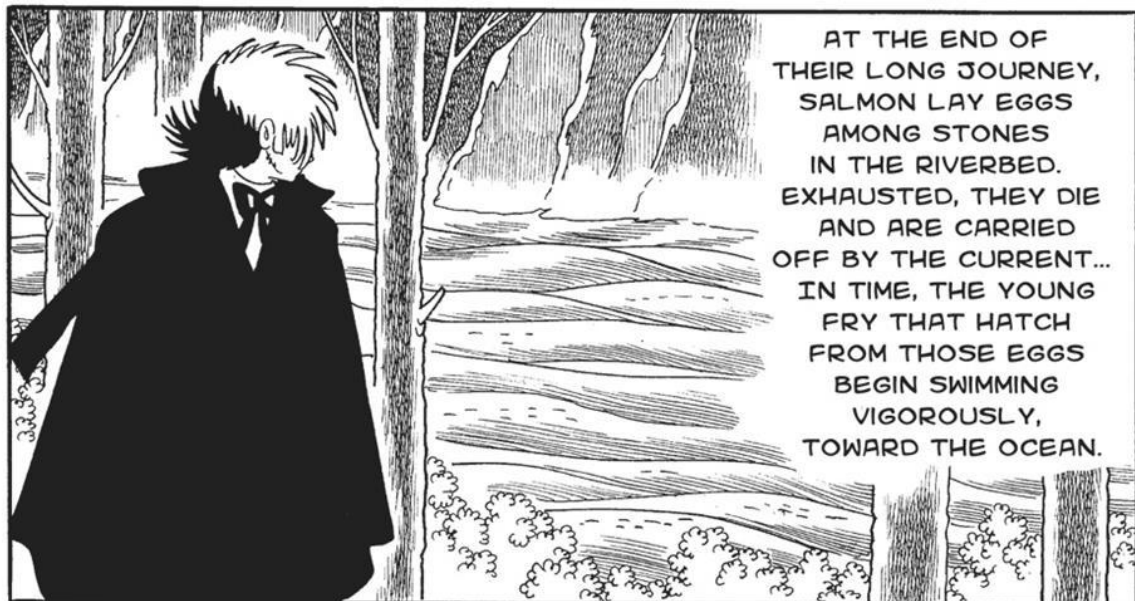






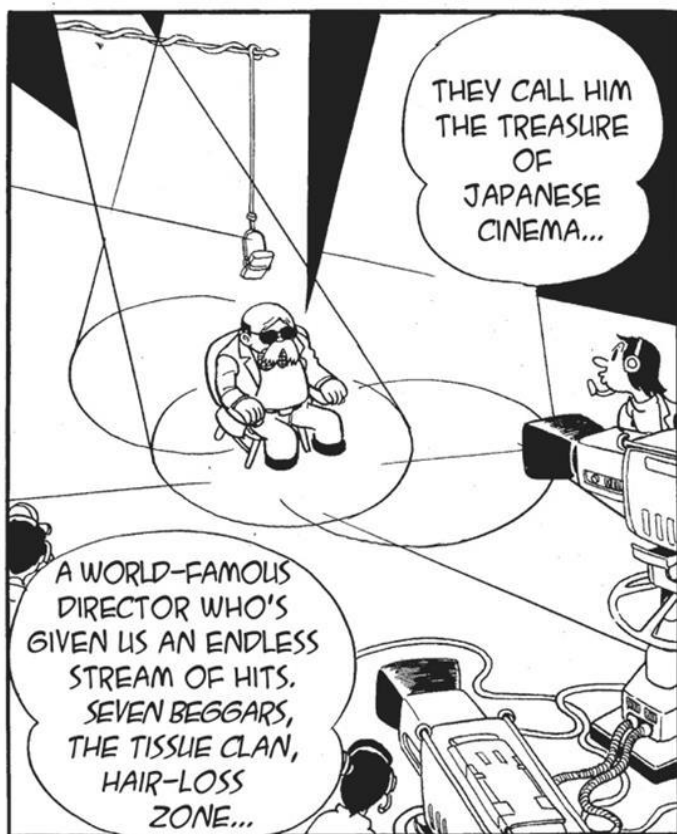




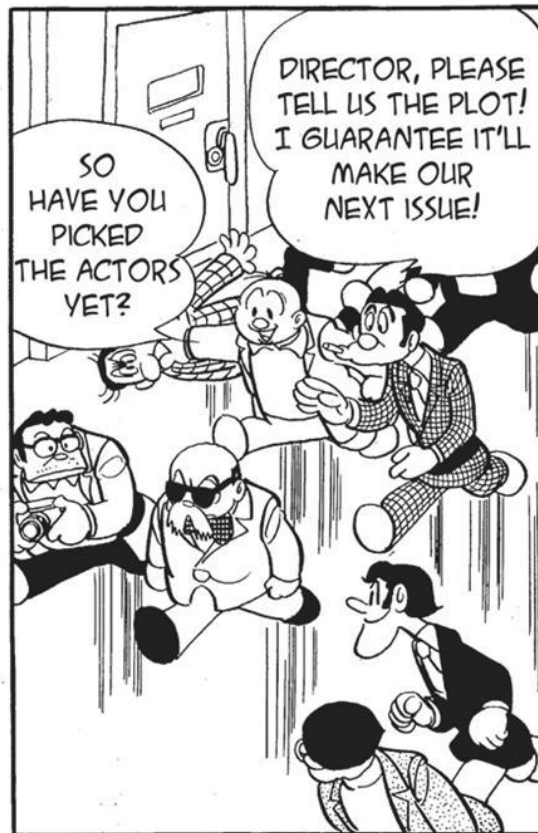
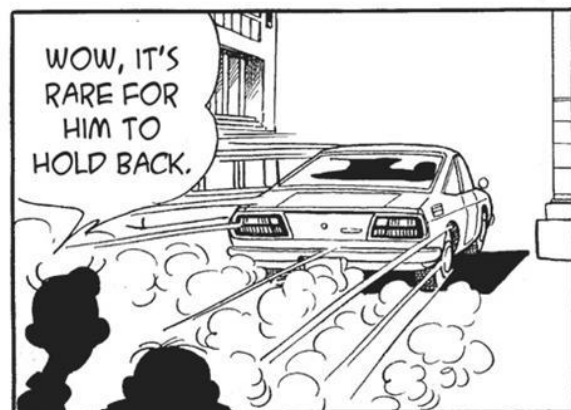
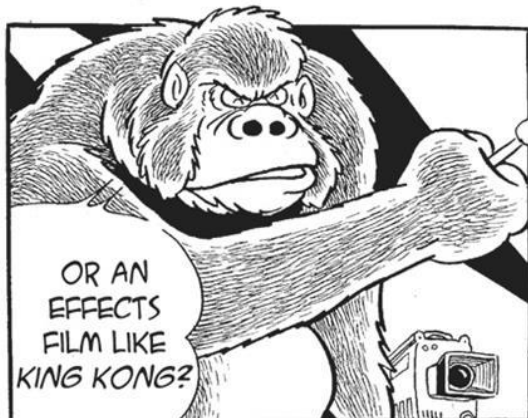
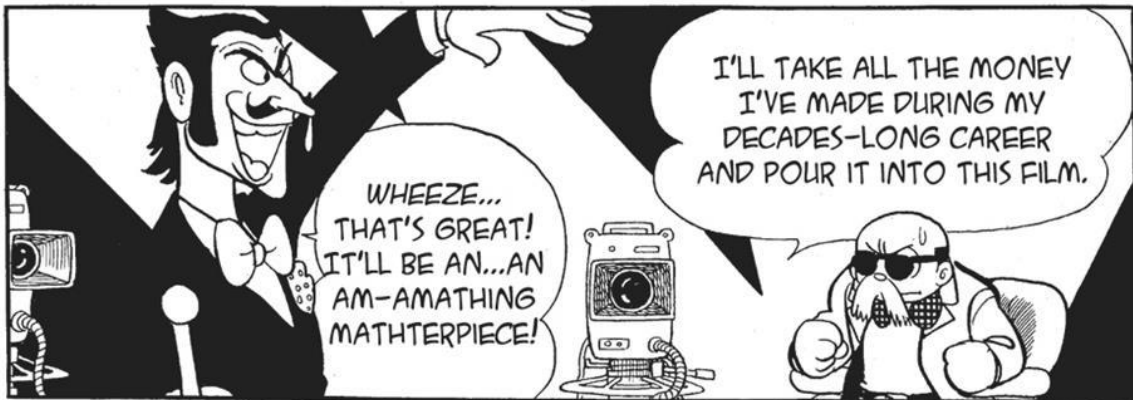


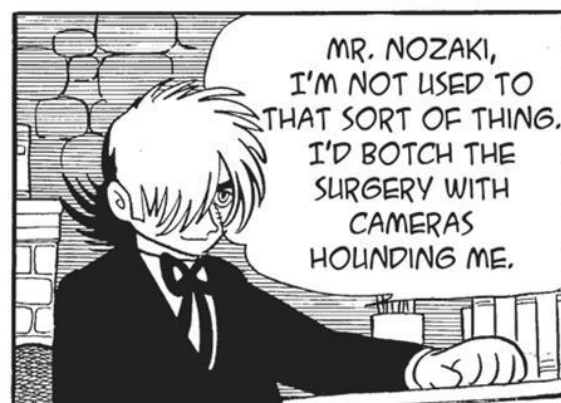
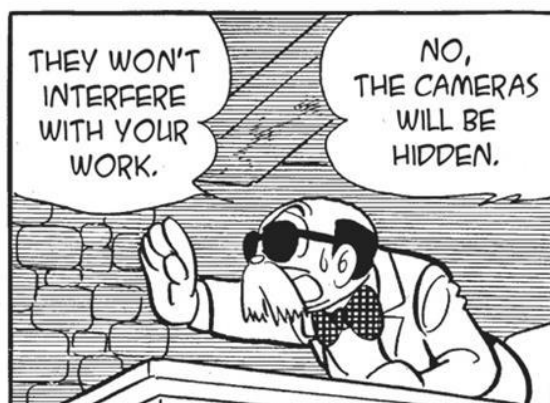
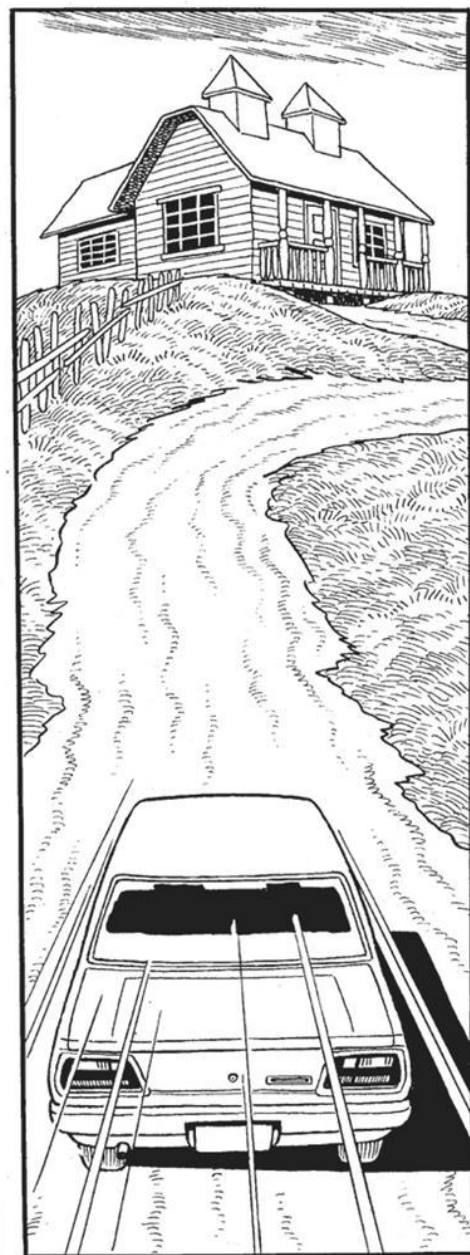
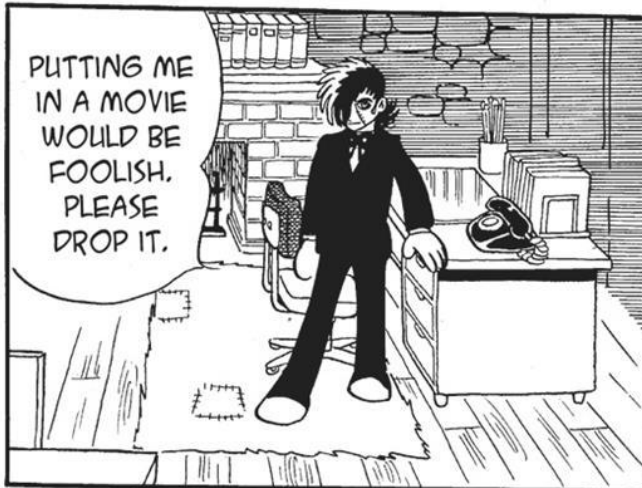
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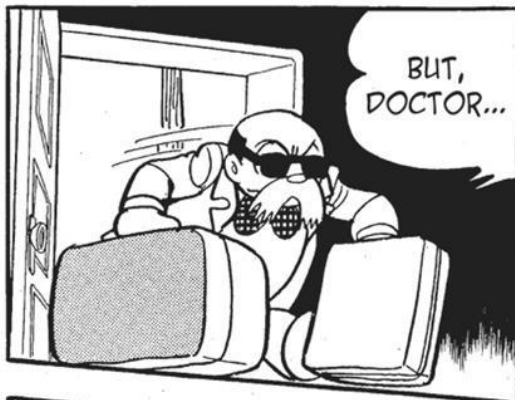
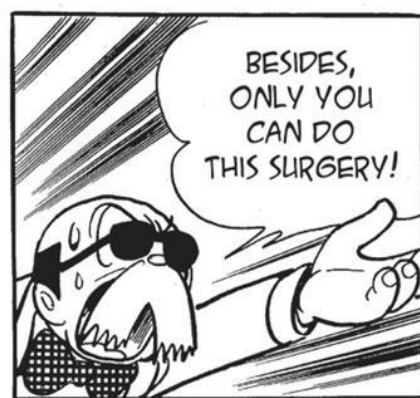
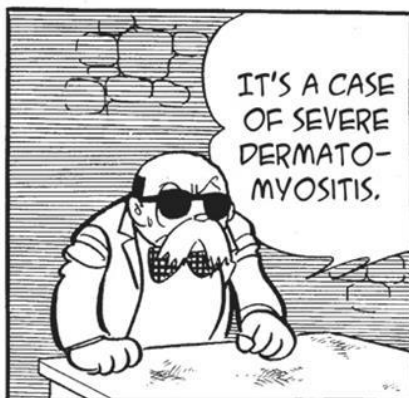




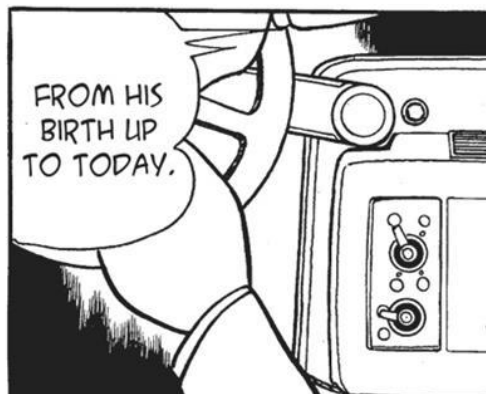
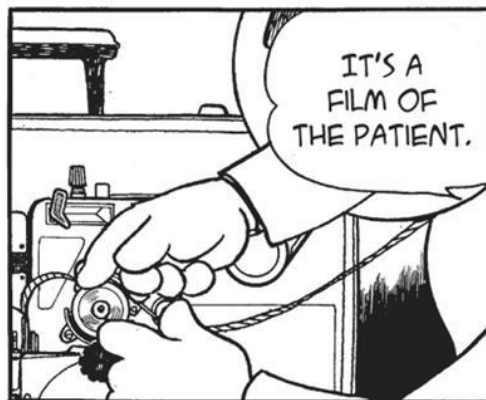
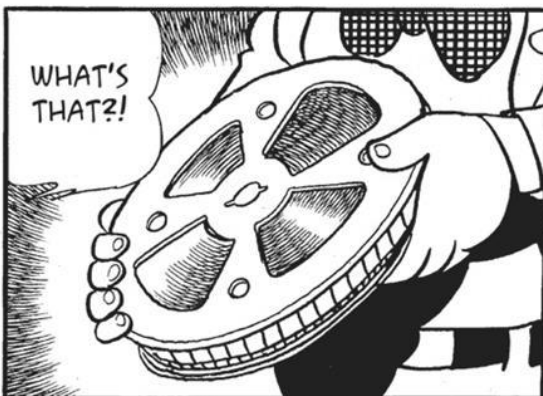
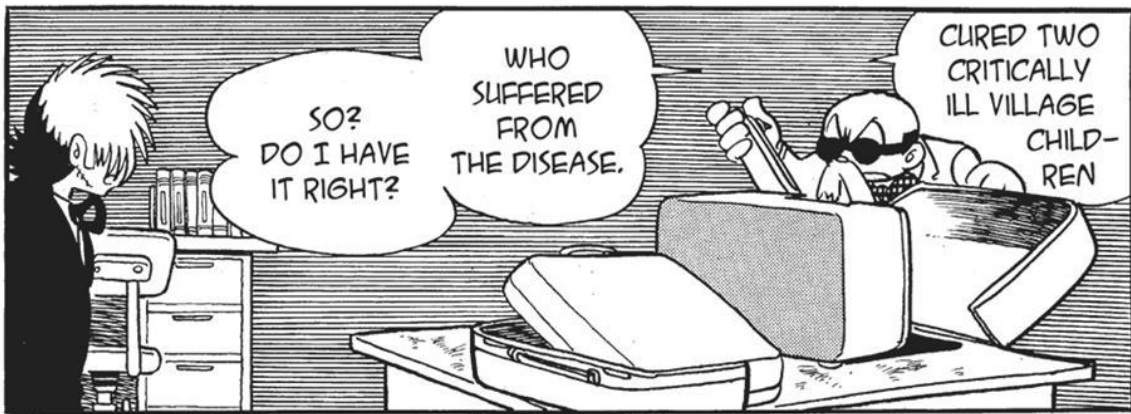
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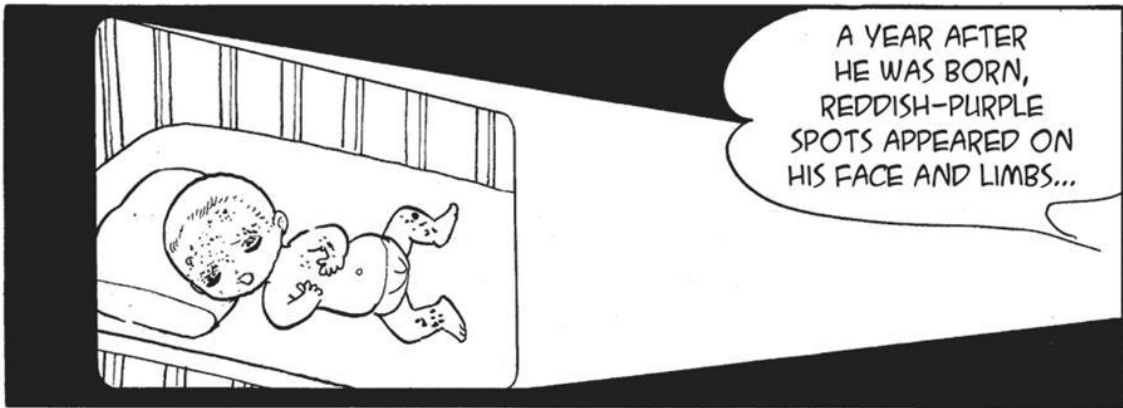


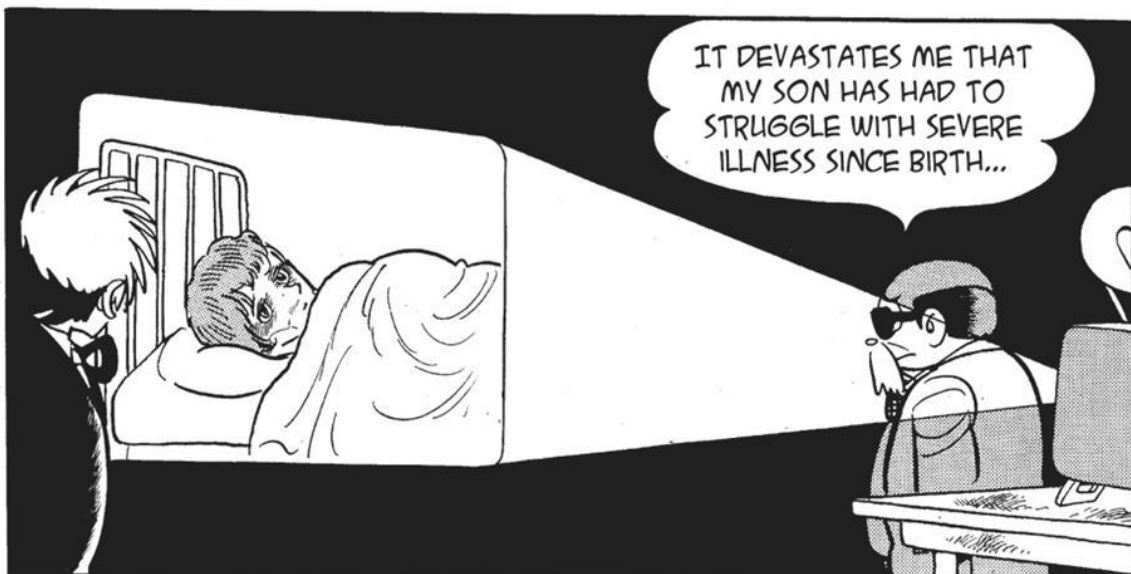


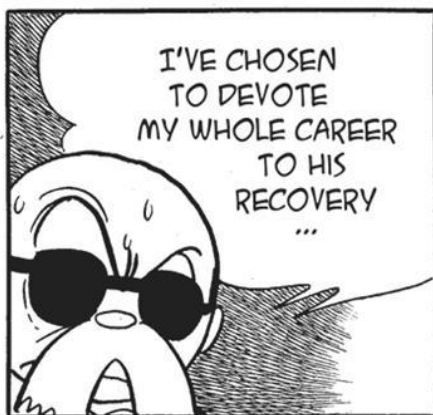




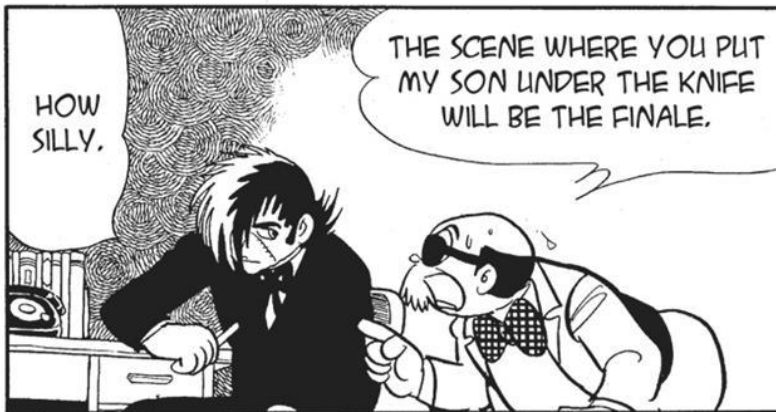


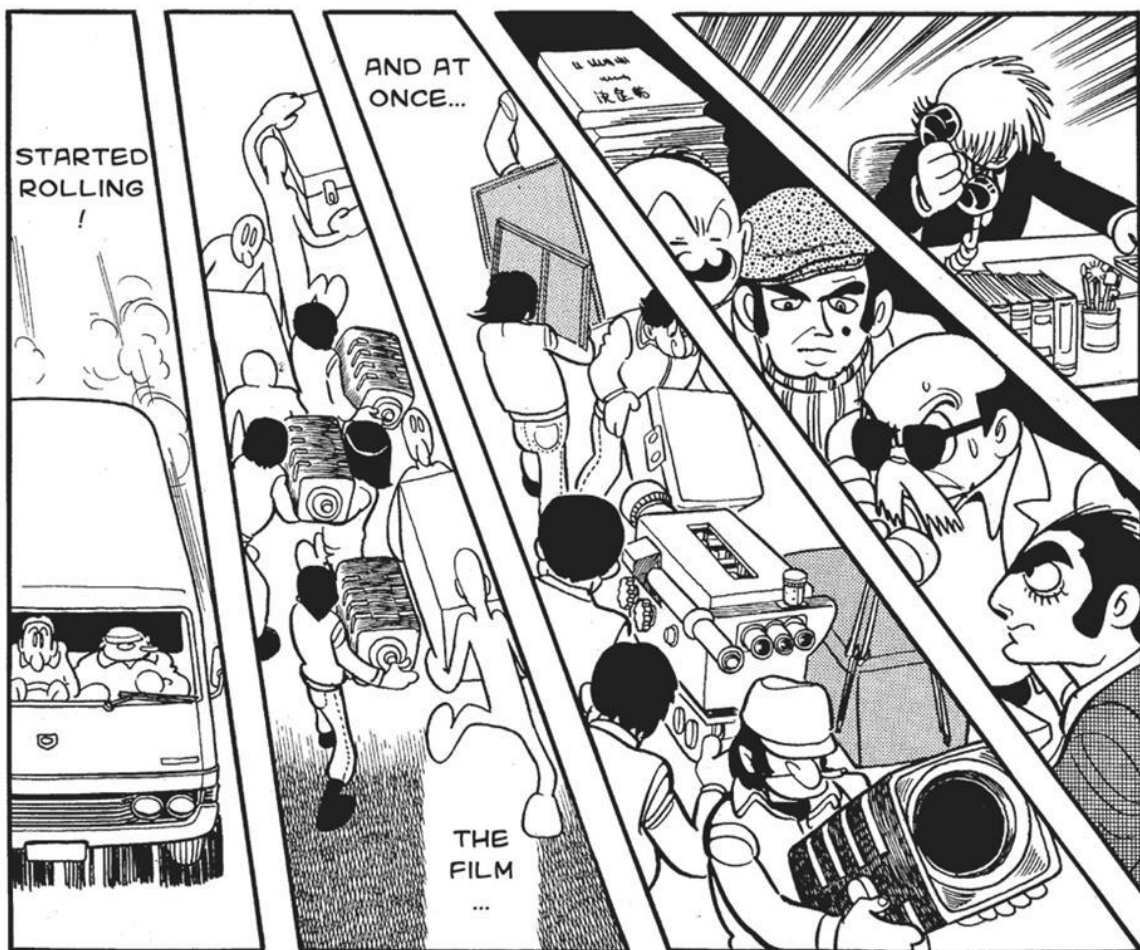


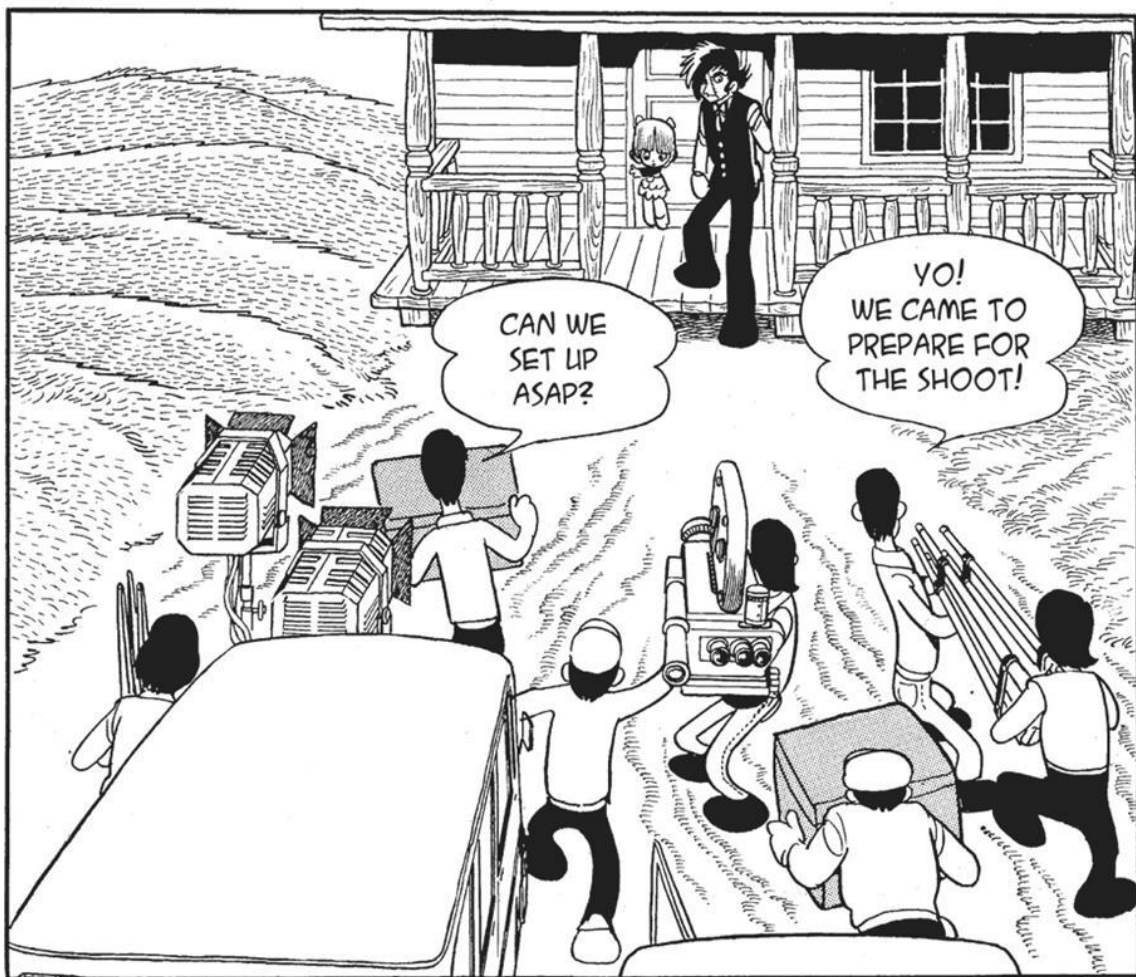


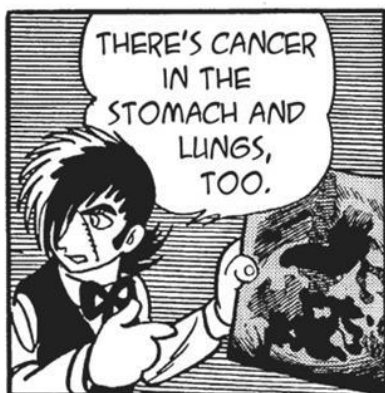






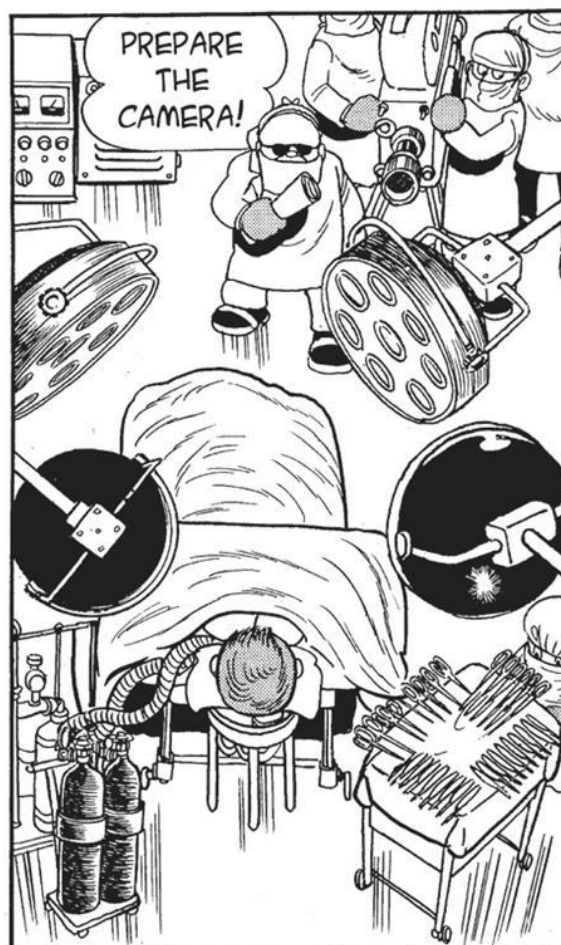
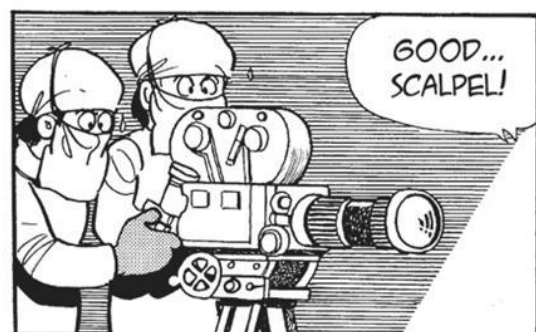
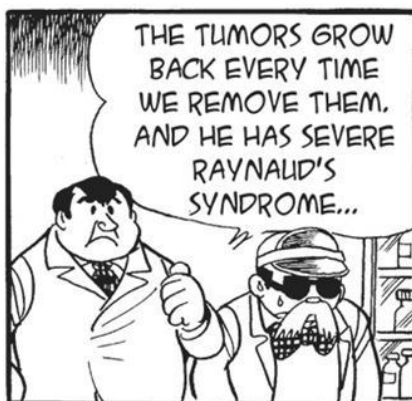


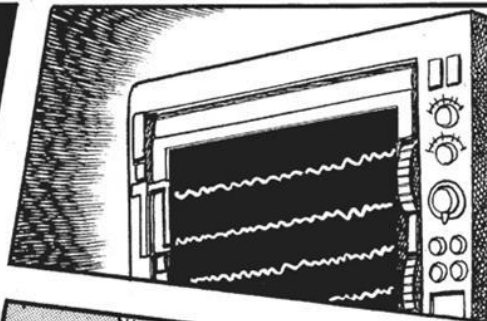
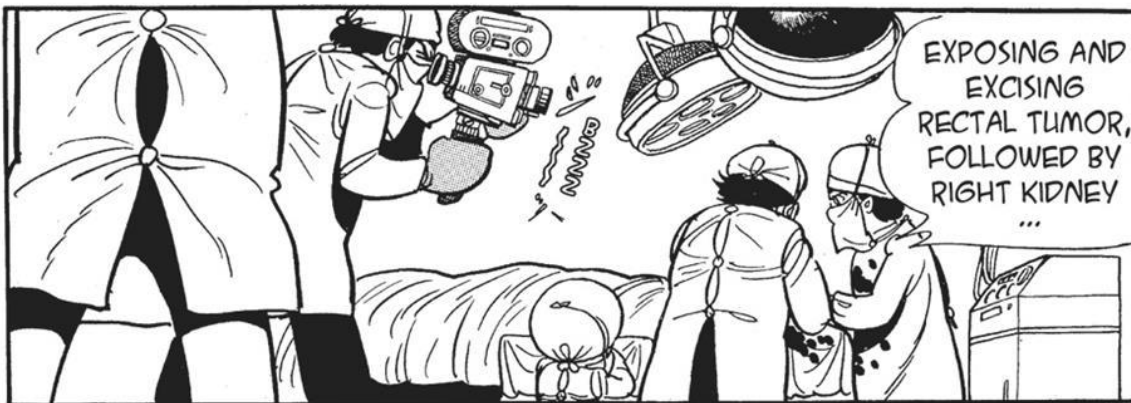


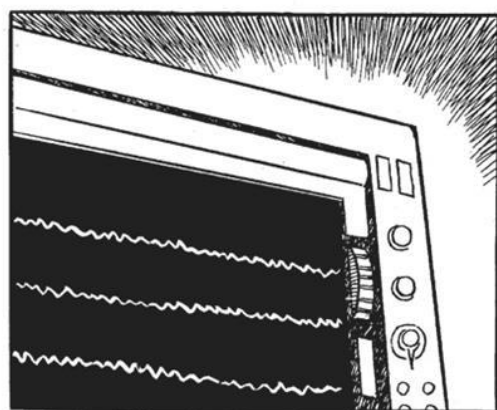
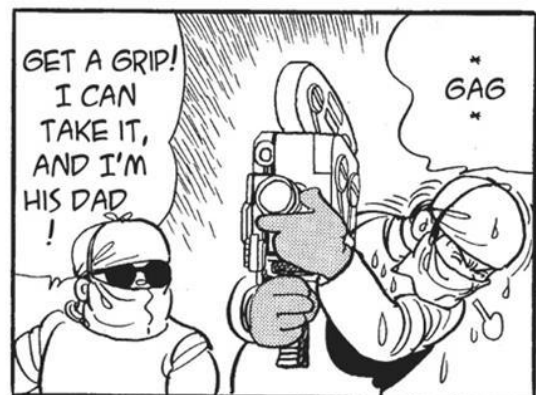
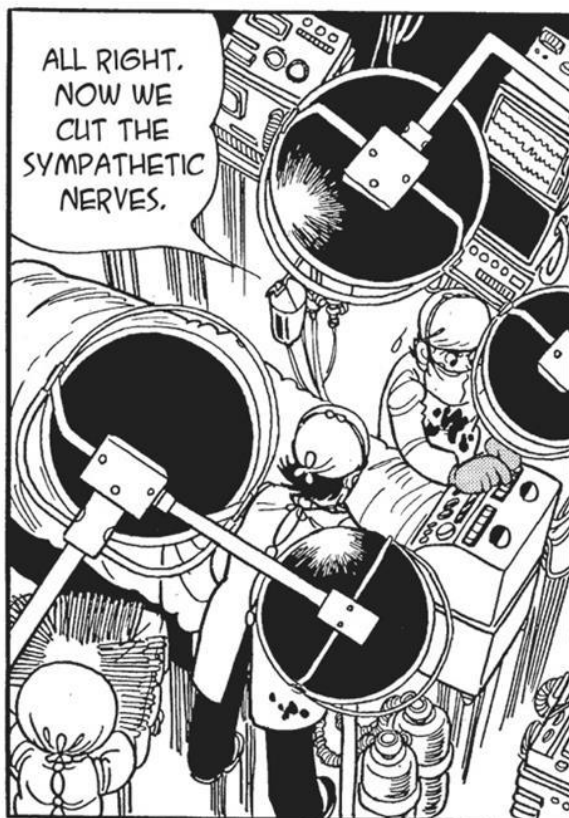
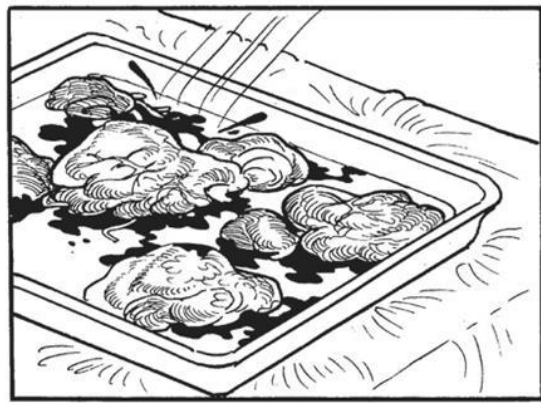
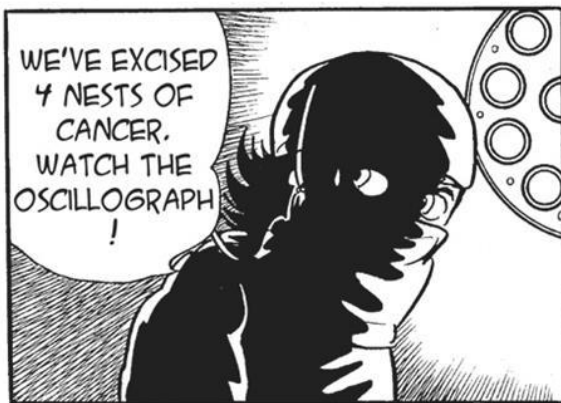




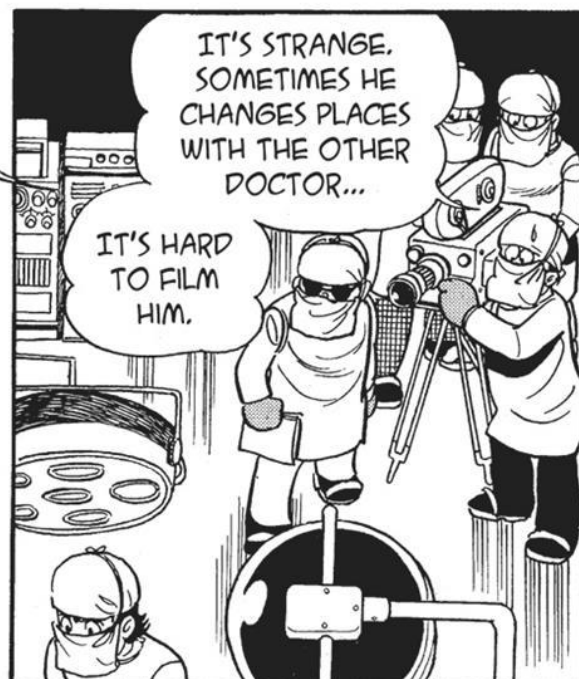
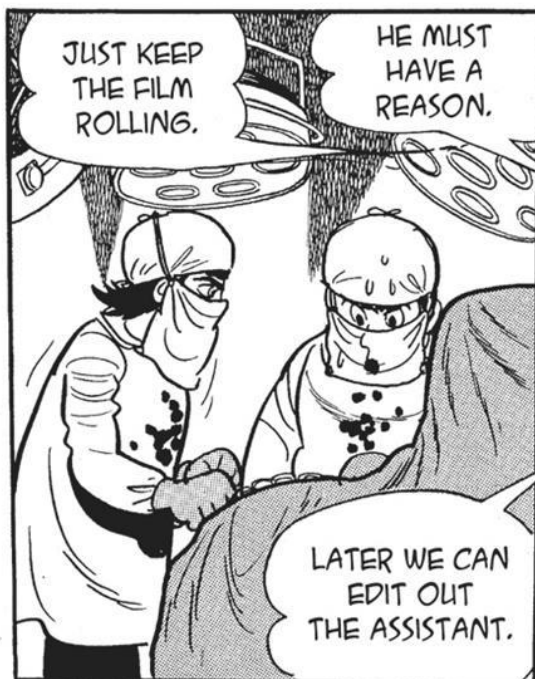




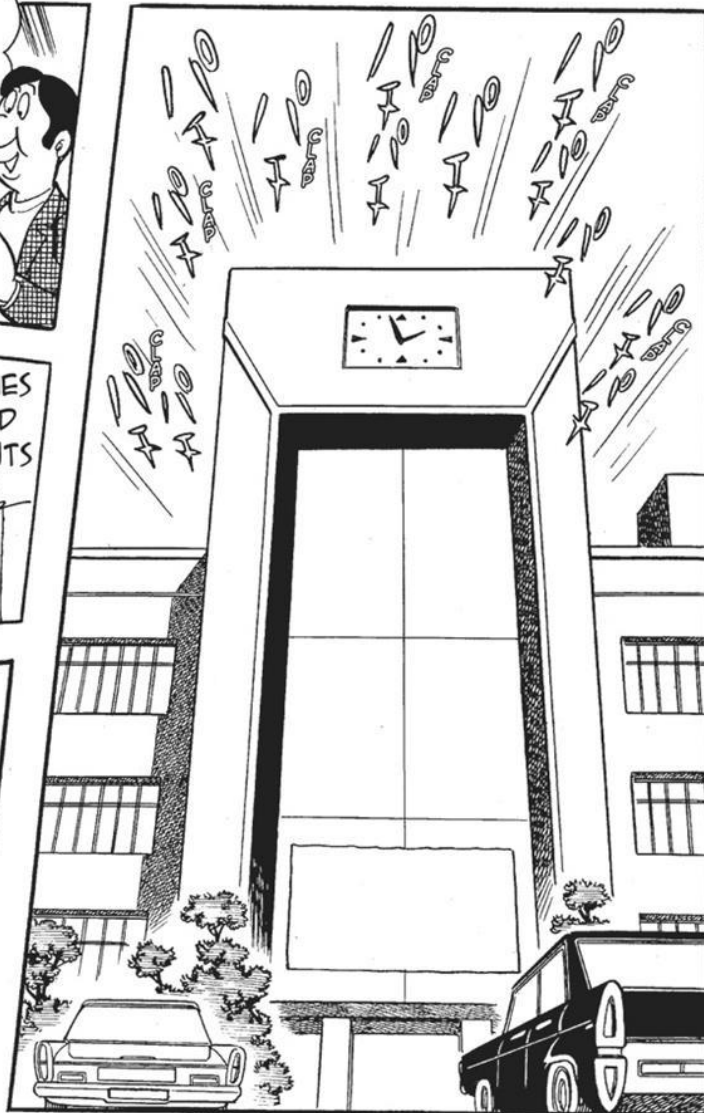


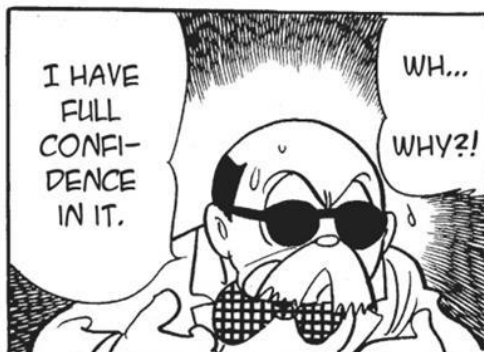
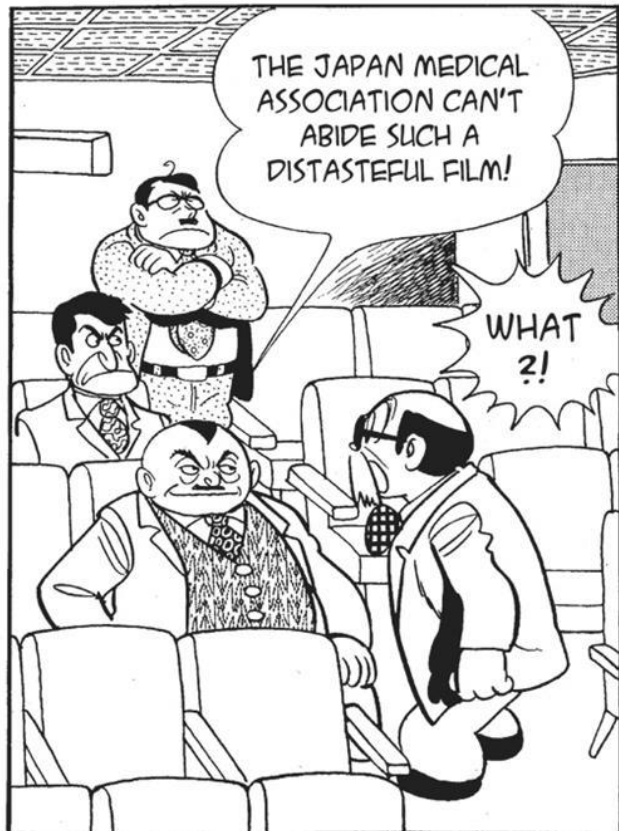
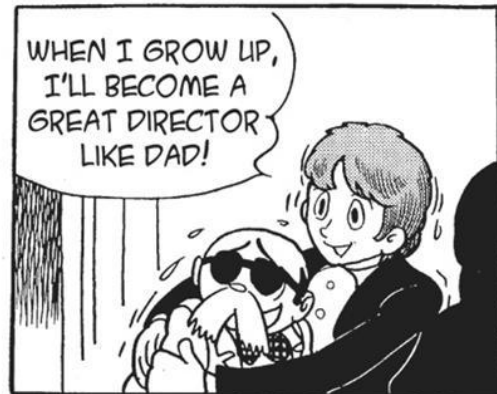
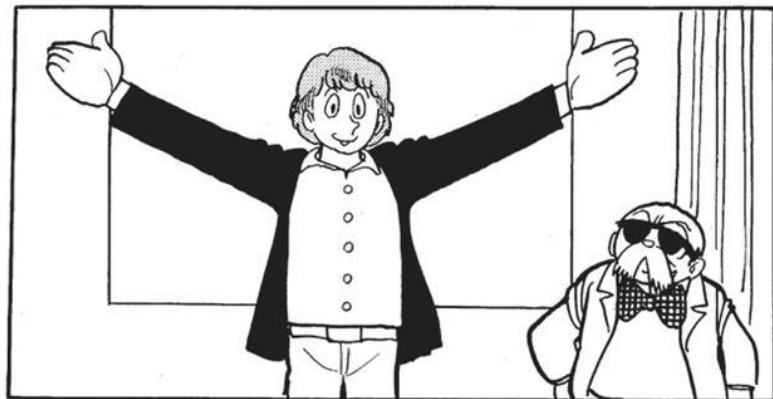


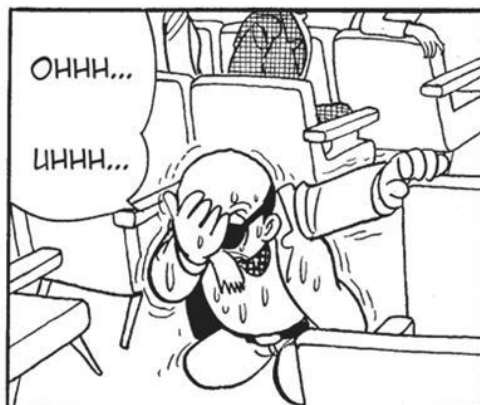
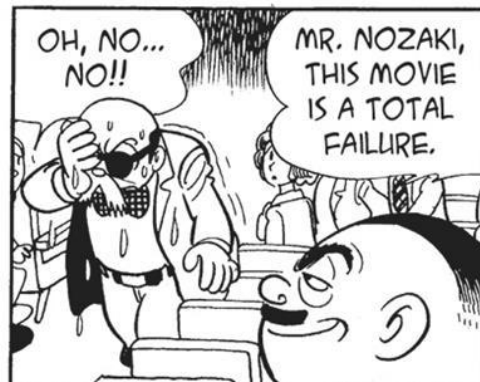




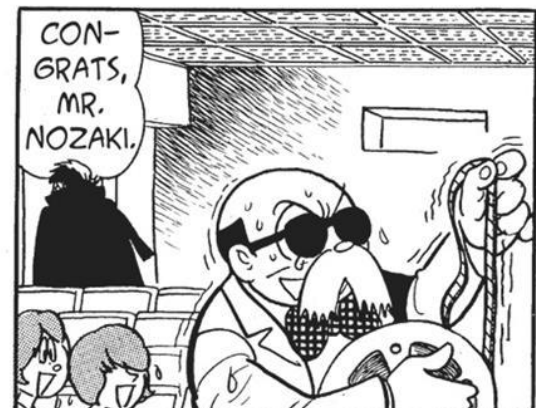
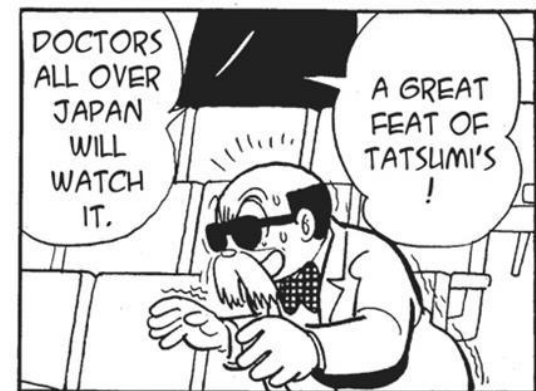
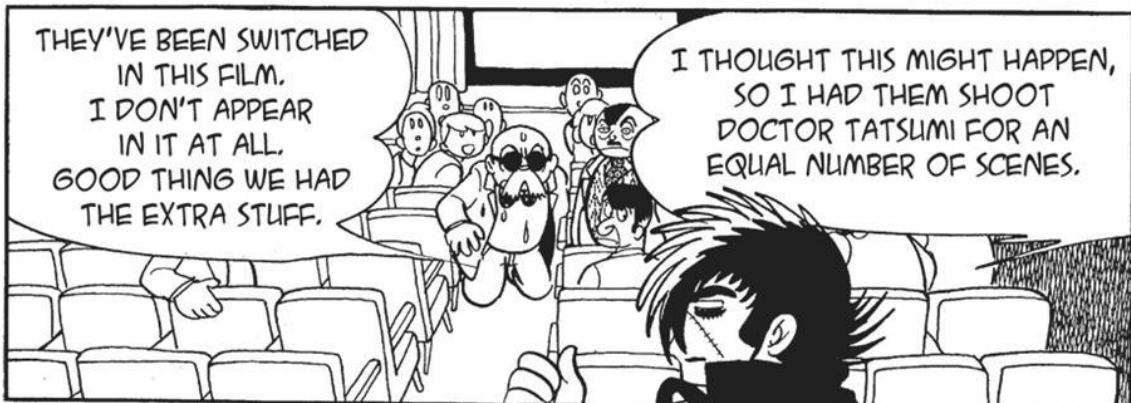
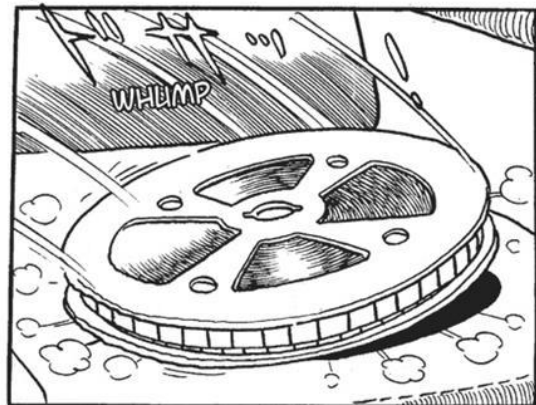
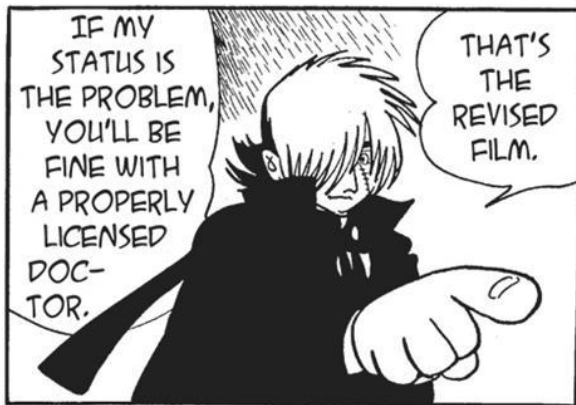
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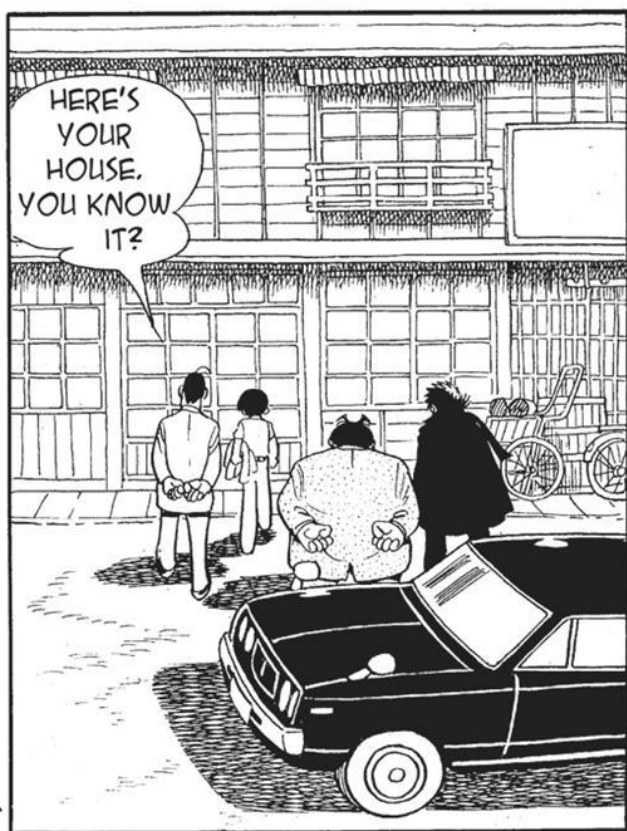








## THE MAN SWALLOWED BY A WHALE



NOTE: THE SIGNBOARDS ALL REFER TO COMICS THAT WERE ALSO RUNNING IN WEEKLY CHAMPION AT THE TIME. THE LOW, MIDDLE ONE READS "AZARAK GOODS" (EKO EKO AZARAK), THE TOP-LEFT "RIDER ISHII" (750 RIDER).



WELL, HE'S YOUR SON ALL RIGHT.

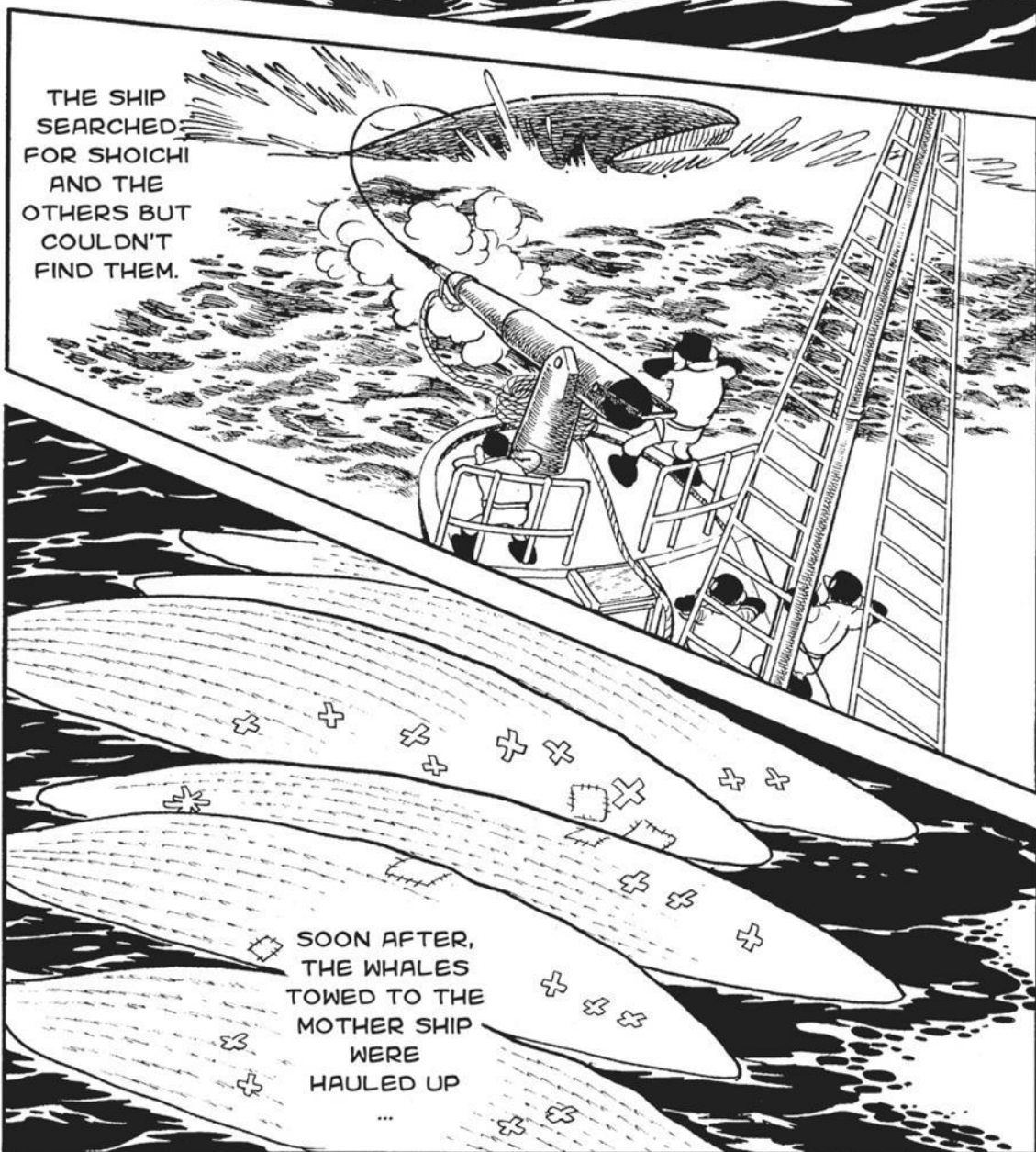
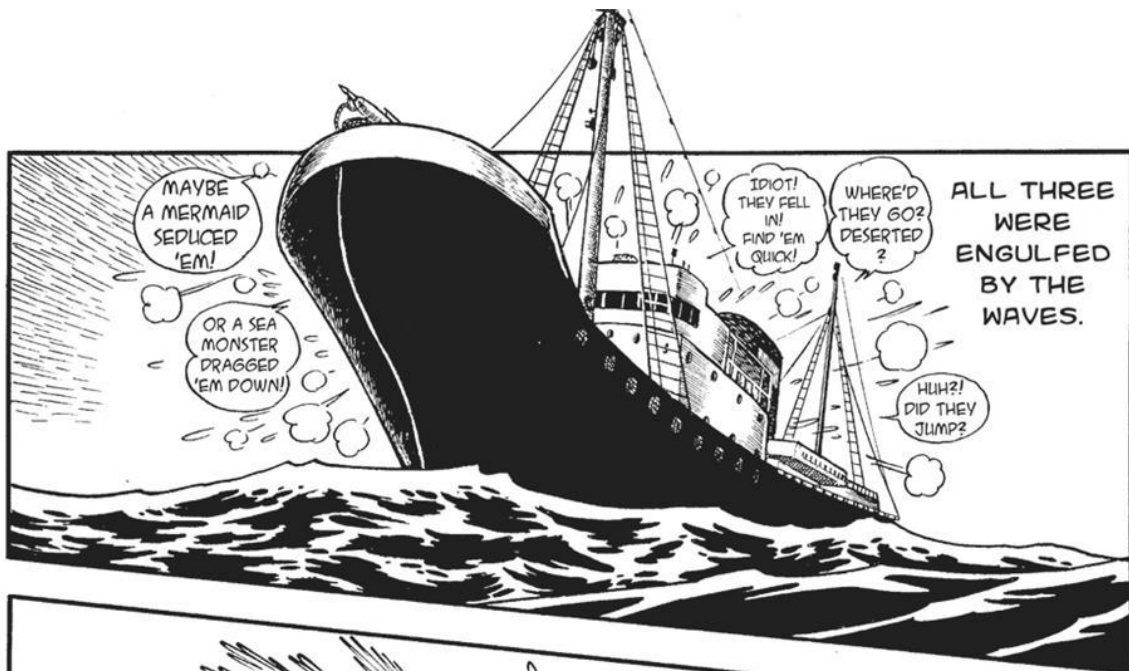


HE AND TWO OTHERS FELL FROM A CATCHING BOAT...

AS YOU KNOW, SHOICHI WAS A PRIZED YOUNG SAILOR ON THE WHALING BOAT WHITE WHALE, OPERATING NEAR THE ANTARCTIC.











THE GASTRIC  
JUICE HAS  
MELTED THEM  
LIKE CANDY.



THEY'VE BEEN  
IN THERE  
FOR A FEW  
HOURS...



CAPTAIN!  
ONE OF THEM  
STILL HAS A FAINT  
HEARTBEAT!

WHAT?!



IT'S GOTTA BE  
THE GUYS WHO  
WENT MISSING.  
HOLY HECK...

1...2...  
3 PEOPLE  
!!



YUP...  
AND 'E'S  
GONNA  
MAKE  
IT.

DOCTOR!  
H-HAS HE  
REALLY REVIVED?!



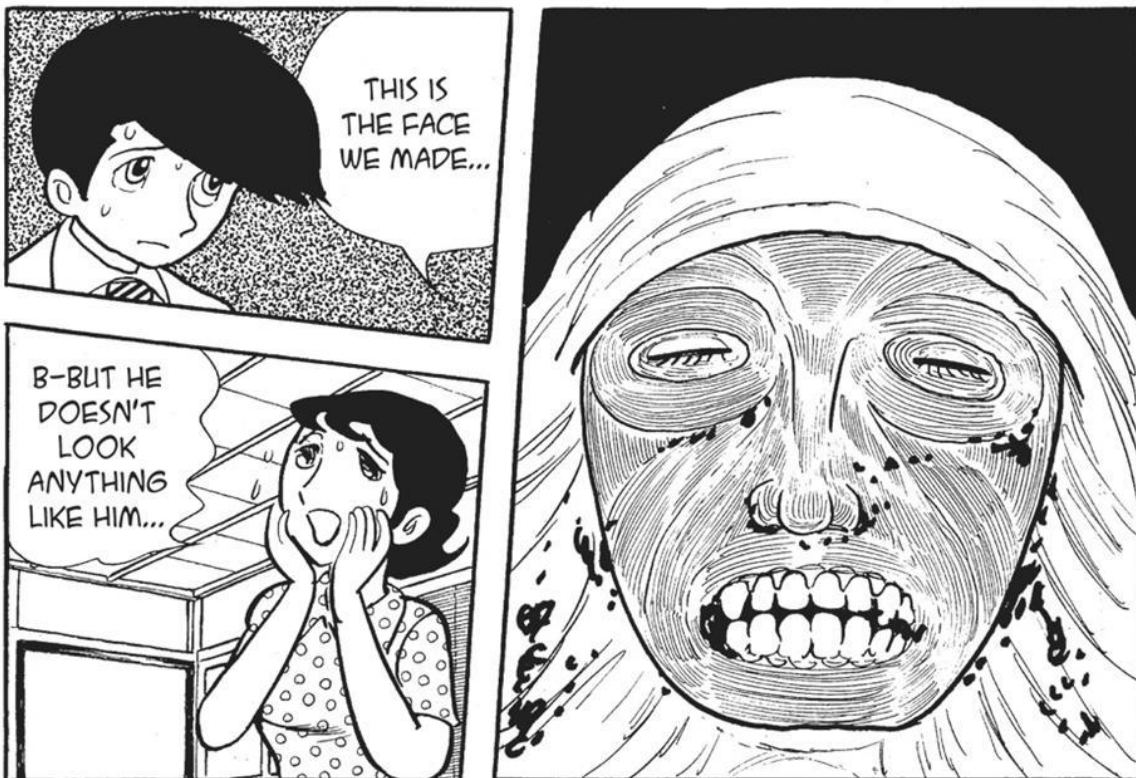
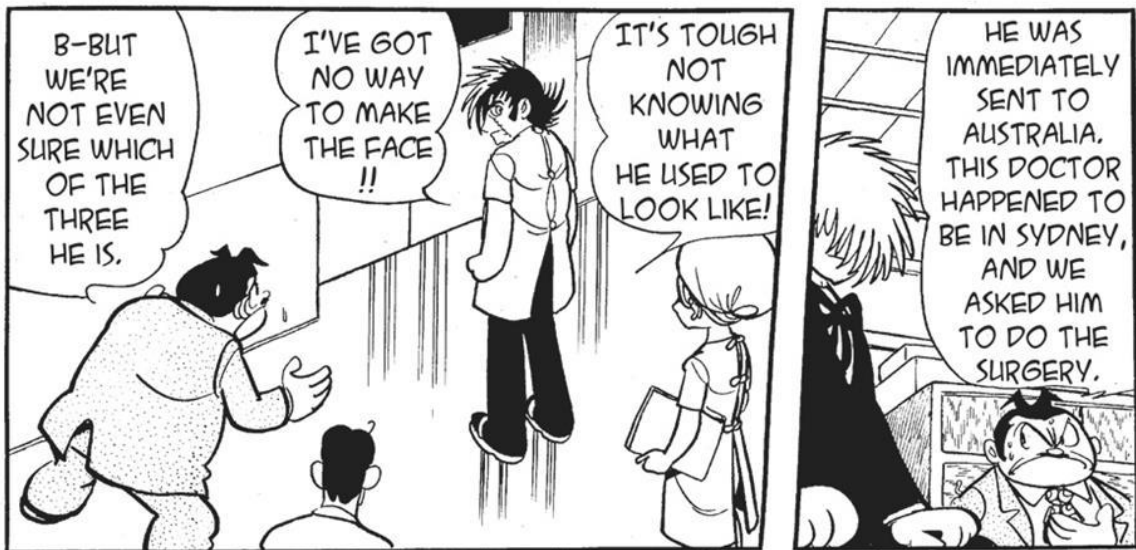
HE'S LOST  
ALL HIS SKIN.  
MUSCLES AND  
ORGANS,  
TOO...

Y'SEE...

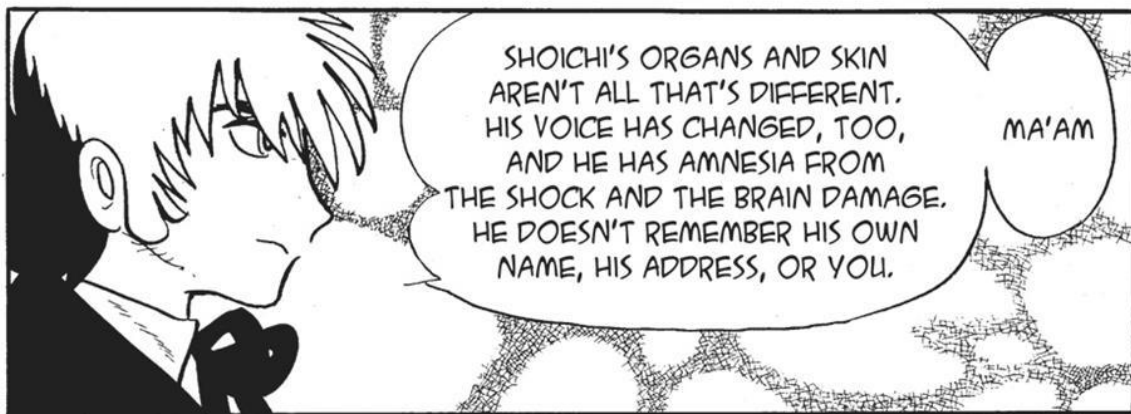


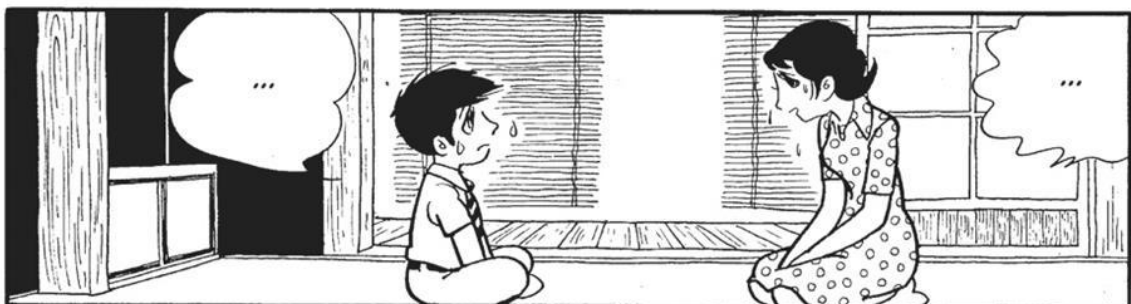
BUT  
'E'LL  
NEED  
ONE  
HELL  
OF AN  
OP.

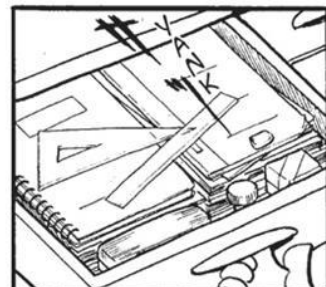
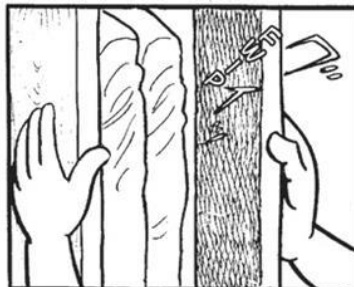


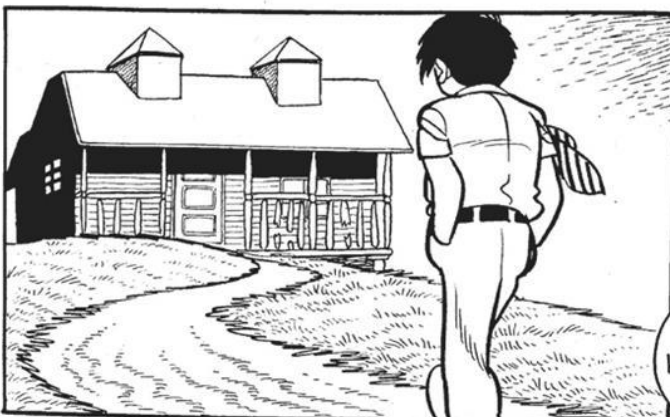
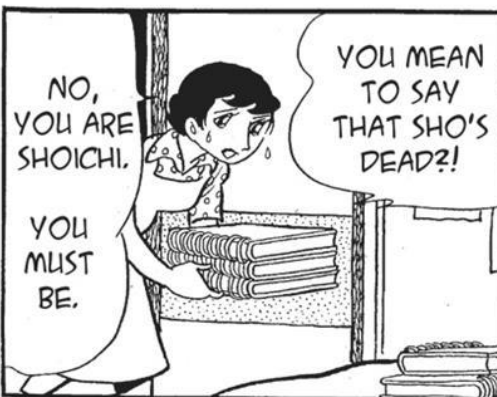






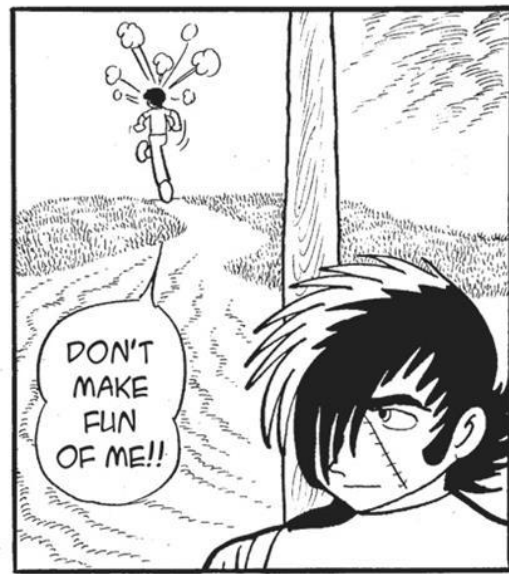












NOTE: "HIYAYAKKO" IS A DISH OF CHILLED TOFU SERVED WITH TOPPINGS. IT IS ALSO THE NAME OF A CHARACTER (WHOM THE TEACHER HAS BEEN MADE TO RESEMBLE) THAT STANDS IN FOR MANGA ARTIST GO NAGAI IN HIS OWN WORKS.



MY ONLY  
FAINT  
MEMORY  
IS OF THE  
WHALE'S  
BELLY.  
I COULDN'T  
MOVE OR  
BREATHE  
AND IT  
WAS HOT.



WHAT  
?!



MOM, I HAVE  
A REQUEST.  
CAN YOU  
WRAP ME IN  
A FUTON ?



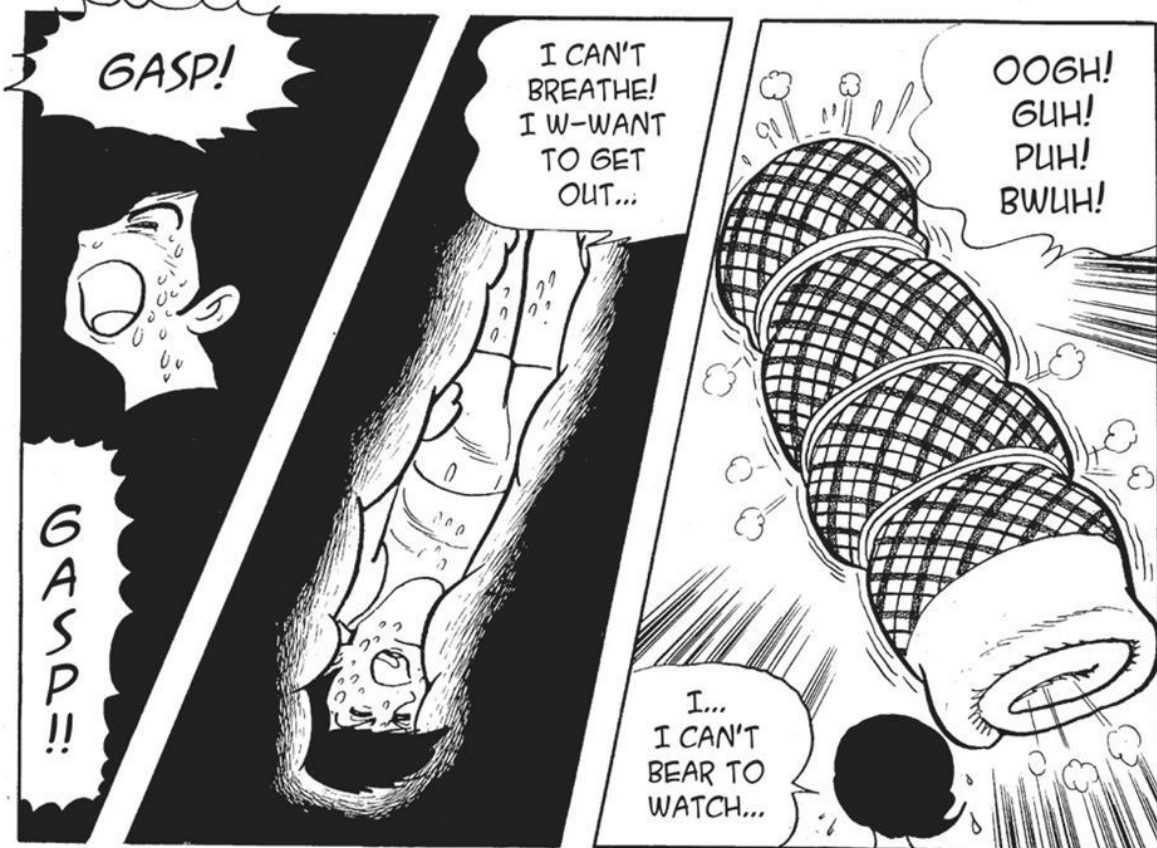
THAT'LL  
MAKE IT  
ALL THE  
MORE  
ACCURATE.

YOU'LL  
SUFFOCATE  
IN HERE!



I MIGHT  
REMEMBER  
SOMETHING.  
DOCTOR  
BLACK  
JACK  
SAID SO.

IF I  
COULD  
SENSE  
THAT  
AGAIN



GASP!

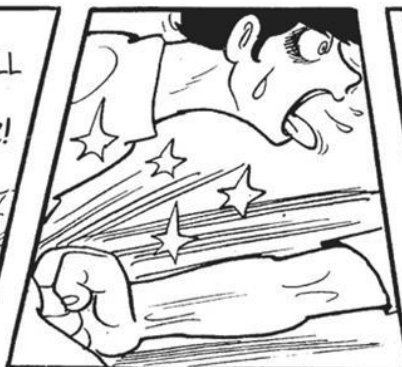
I CAN'T  
BREATHE!  
I W-WANT  
TO GET  
OUT...

OOGH!  
GUH!  
PUH!  
BWUH!

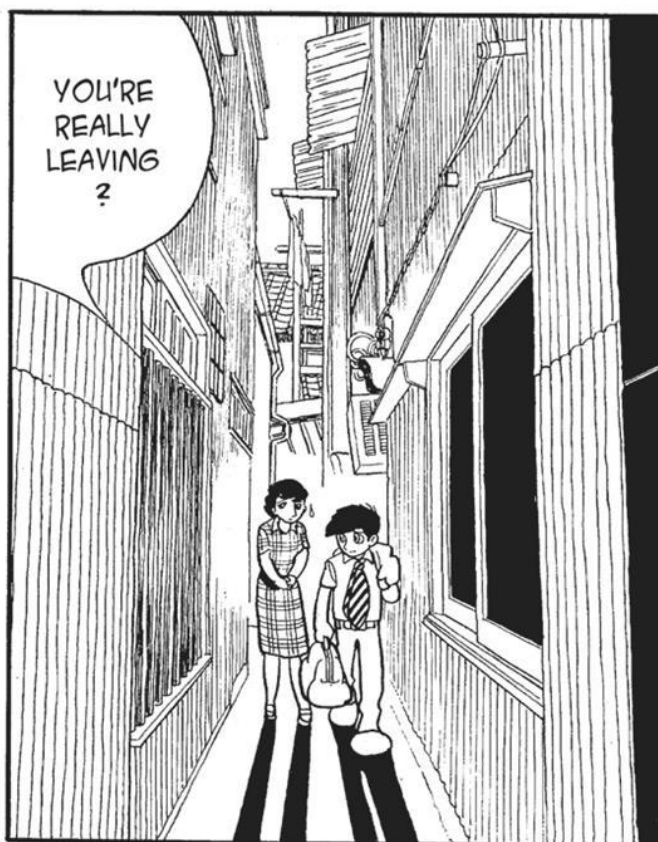
I...  
I CAN'T  
BEAR TO  
WATCH...





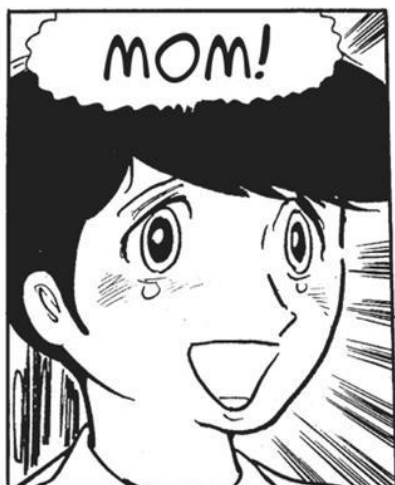






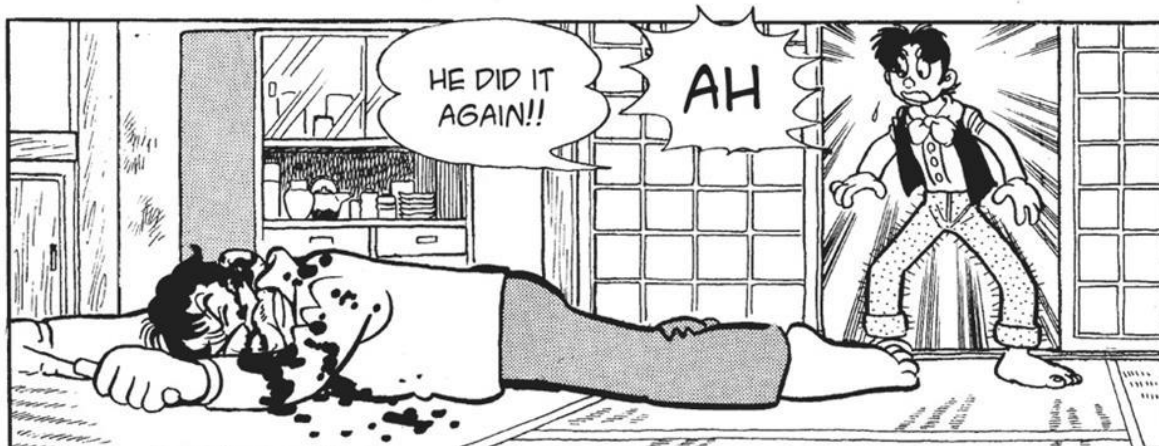
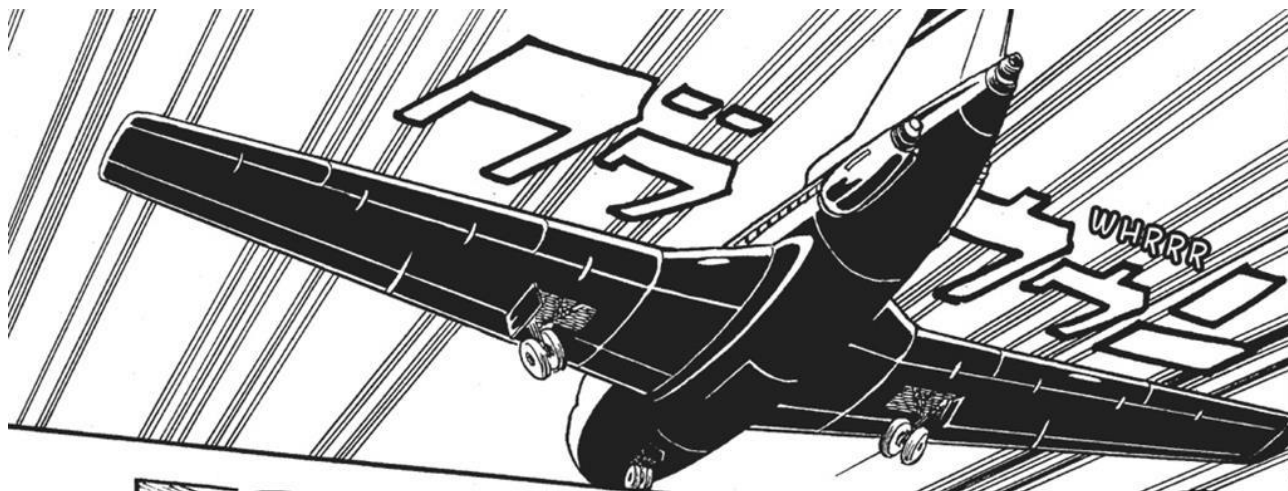




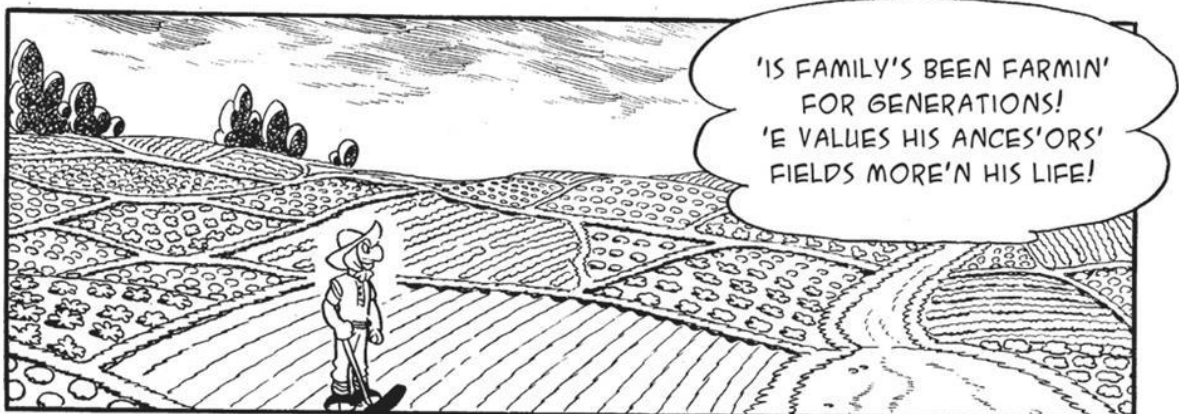
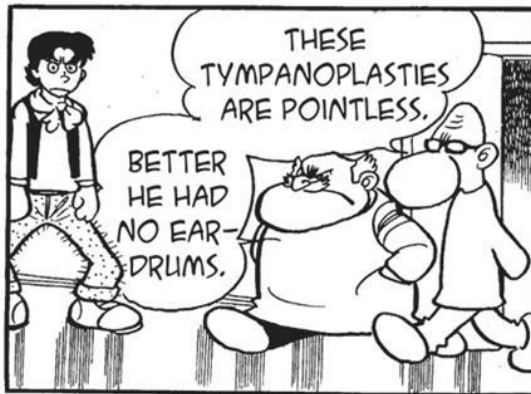


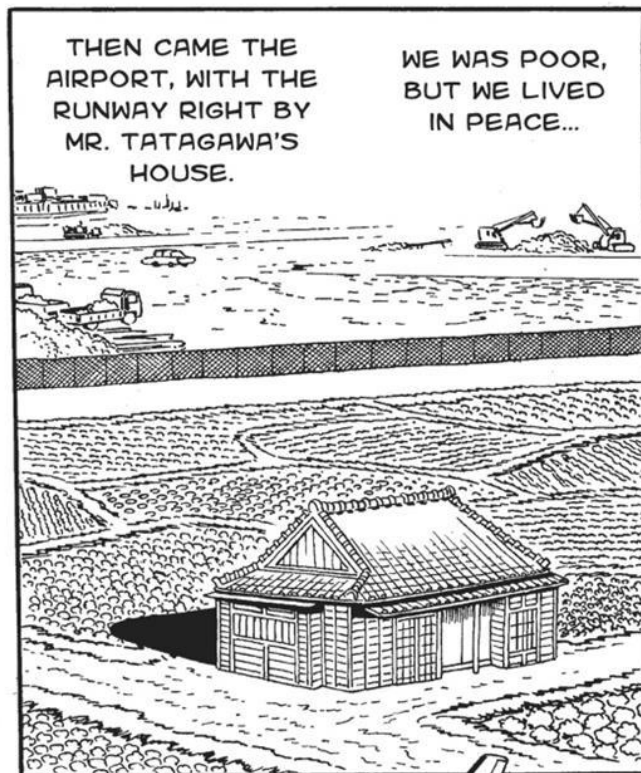
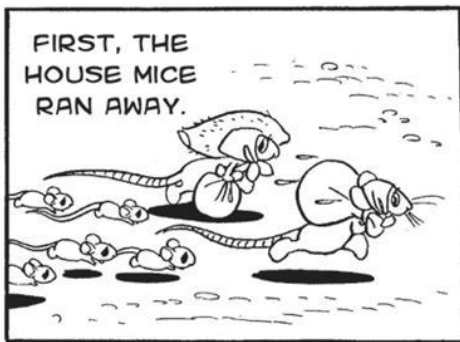
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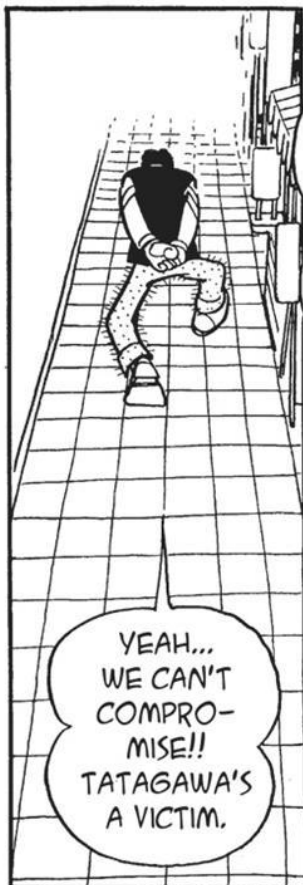


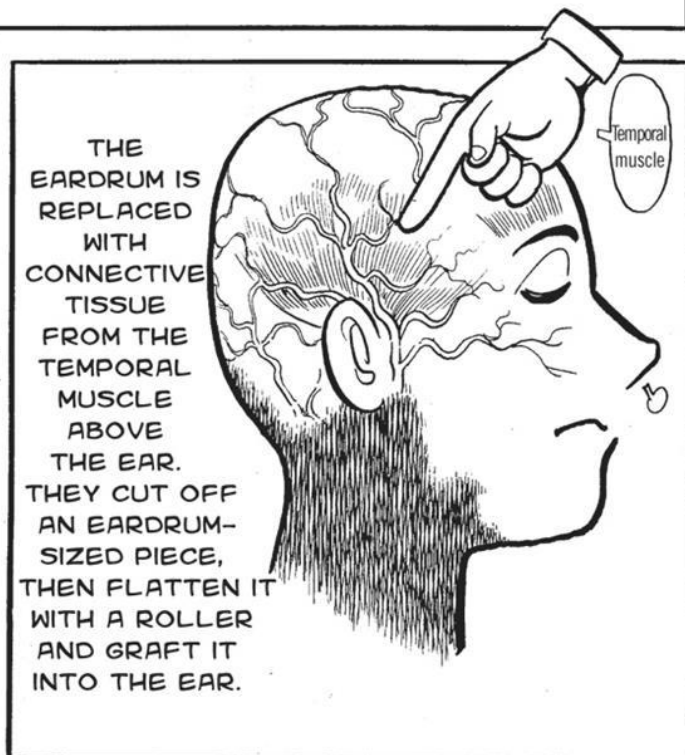
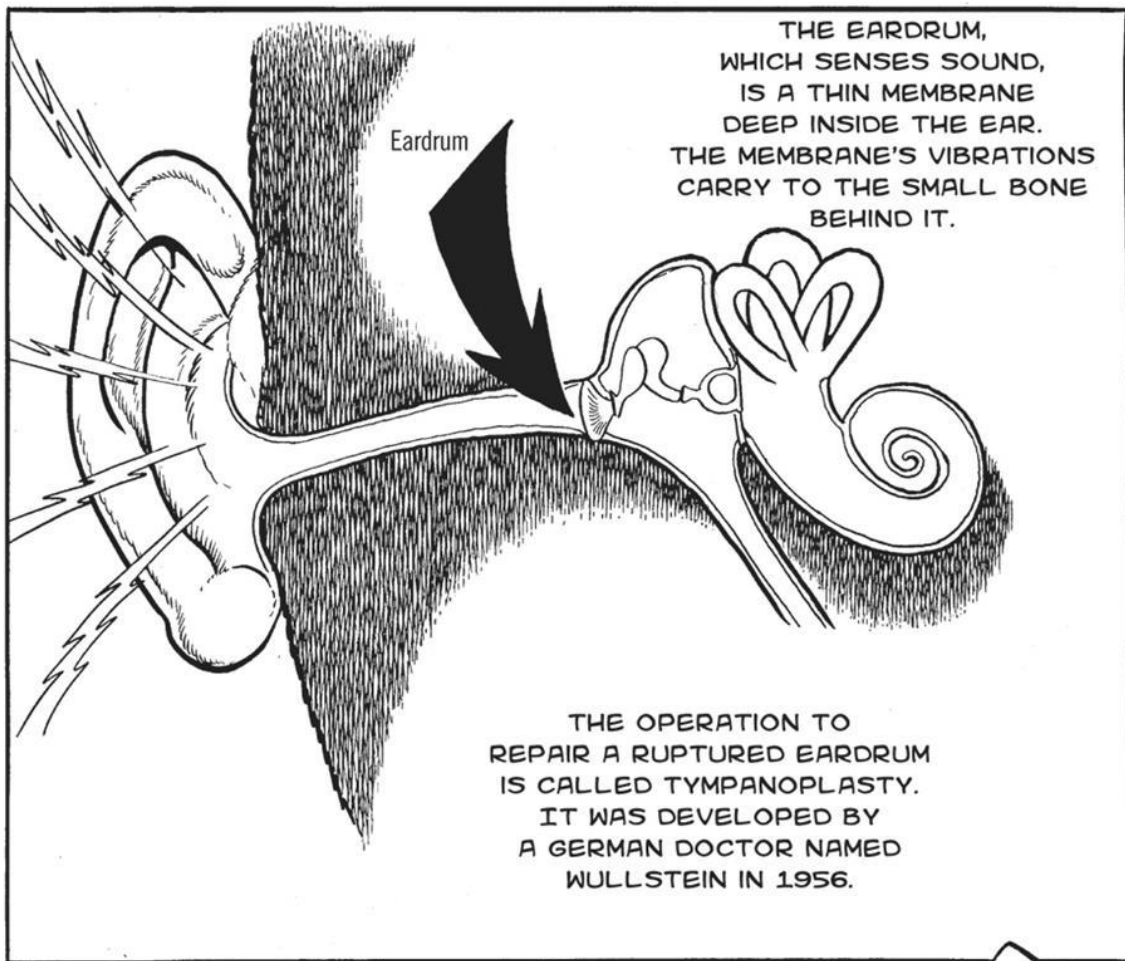




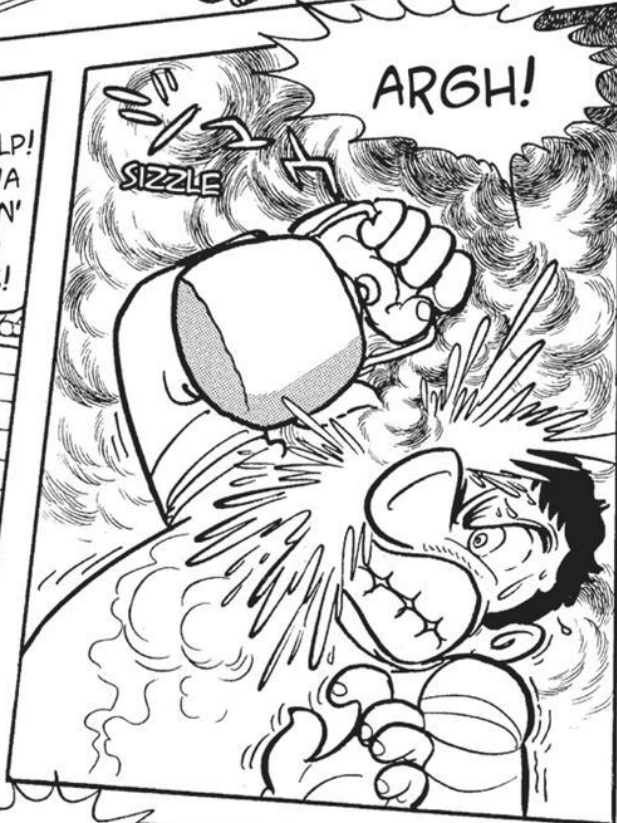
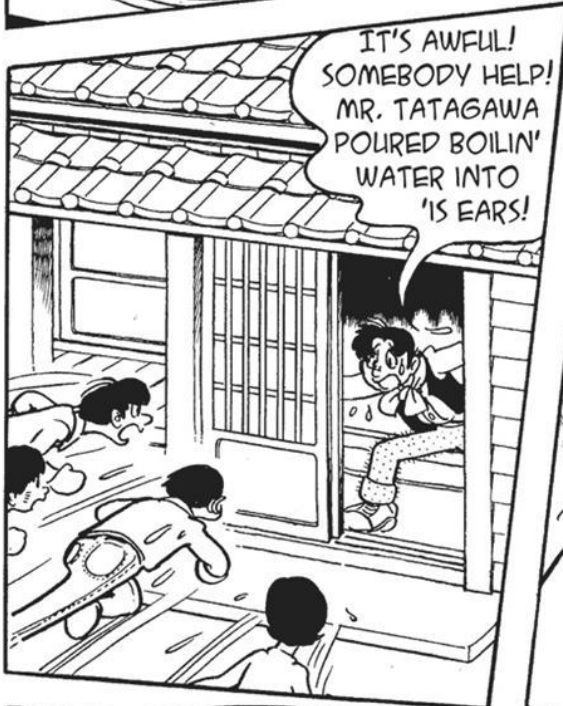


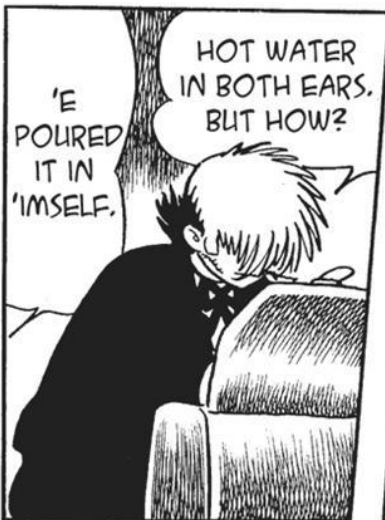


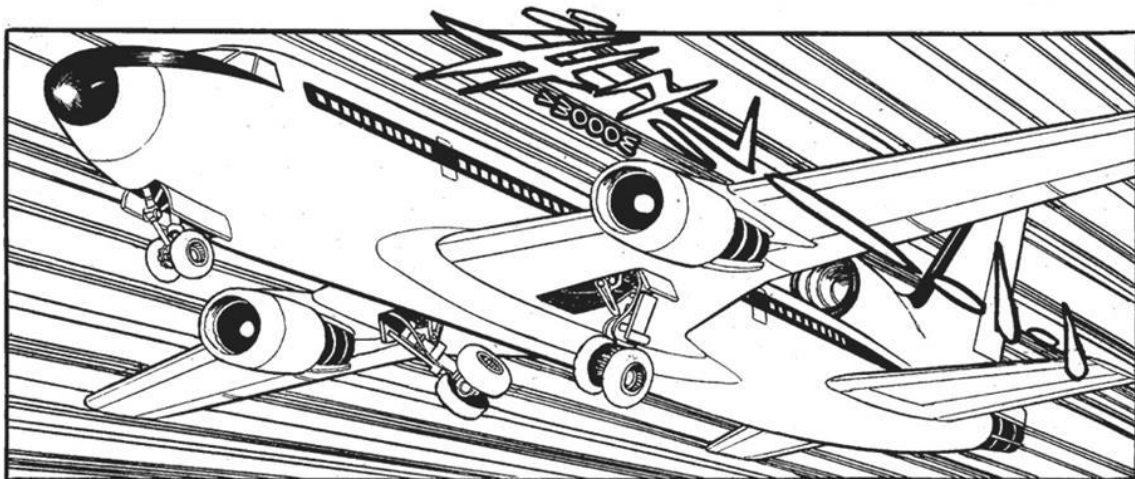


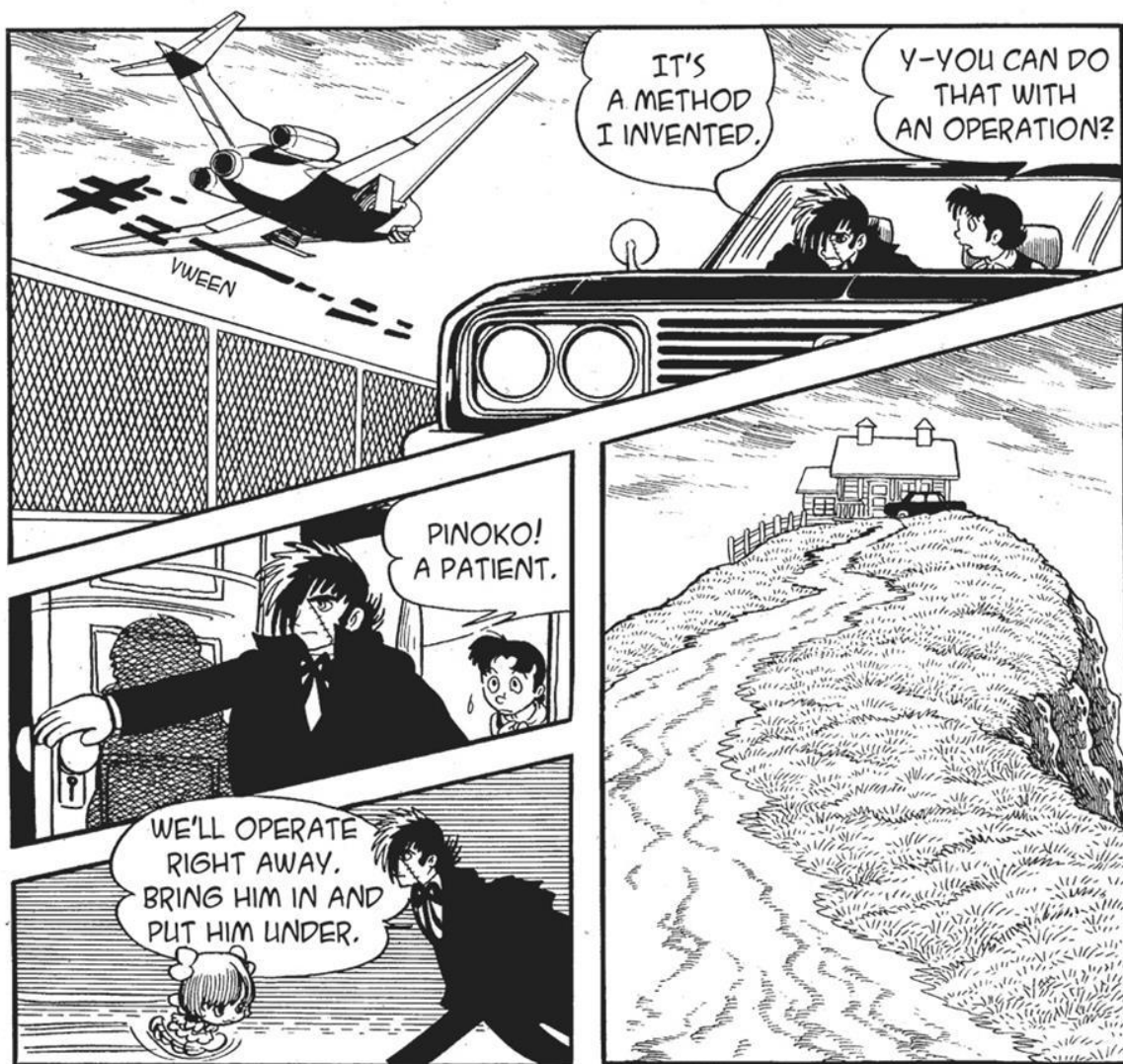




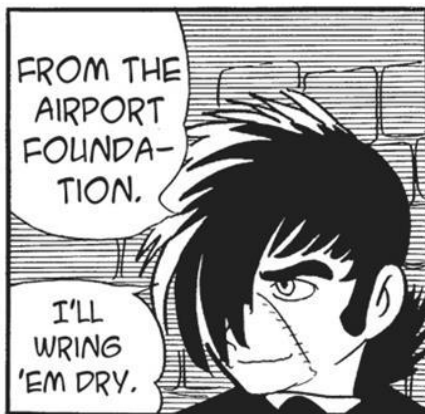


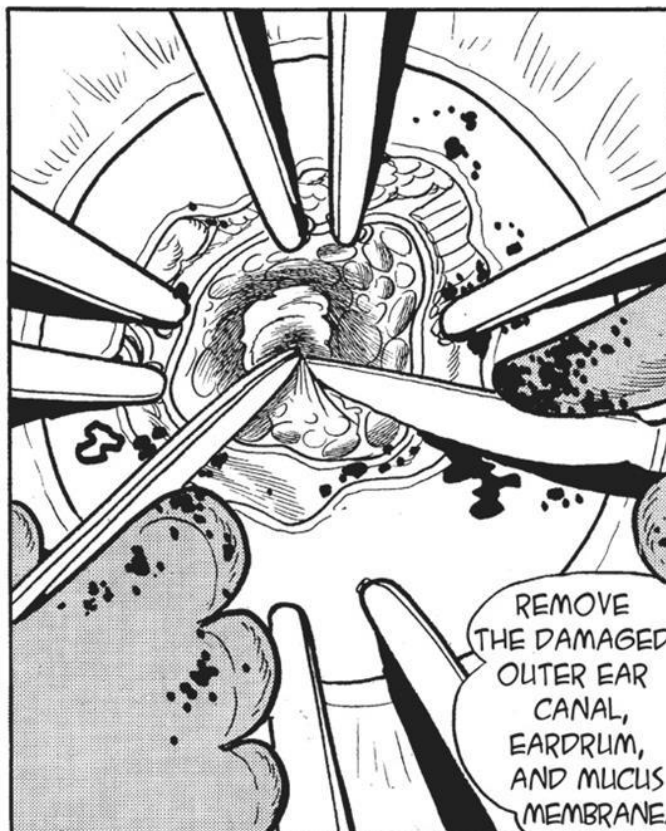
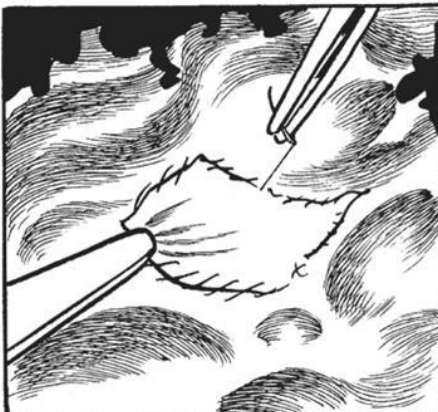
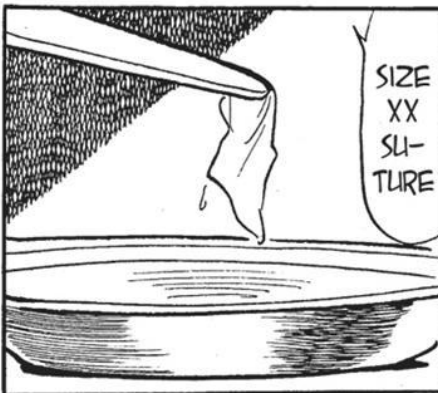
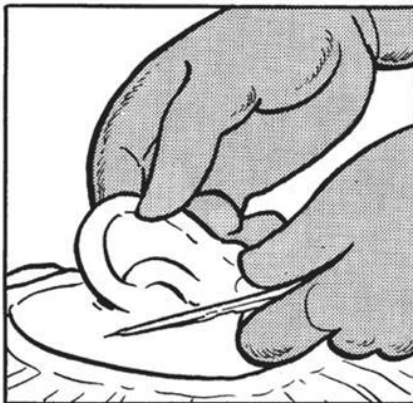


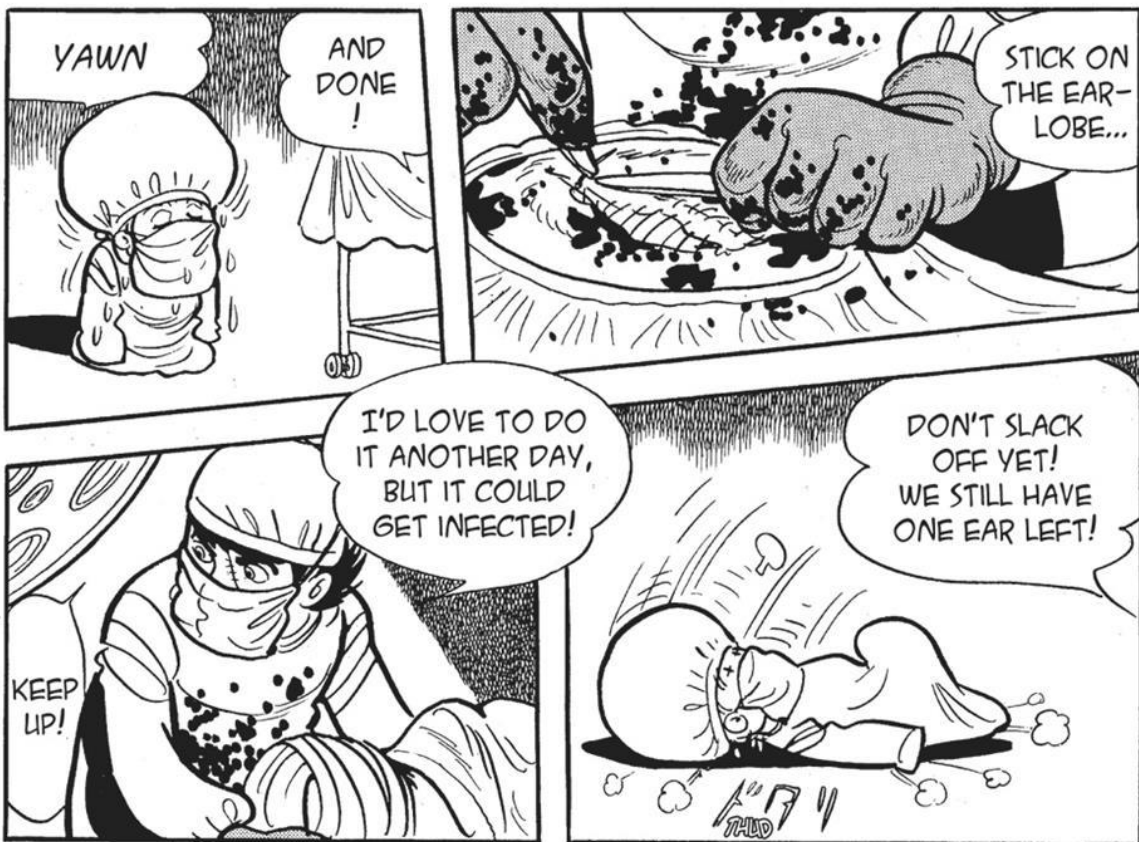
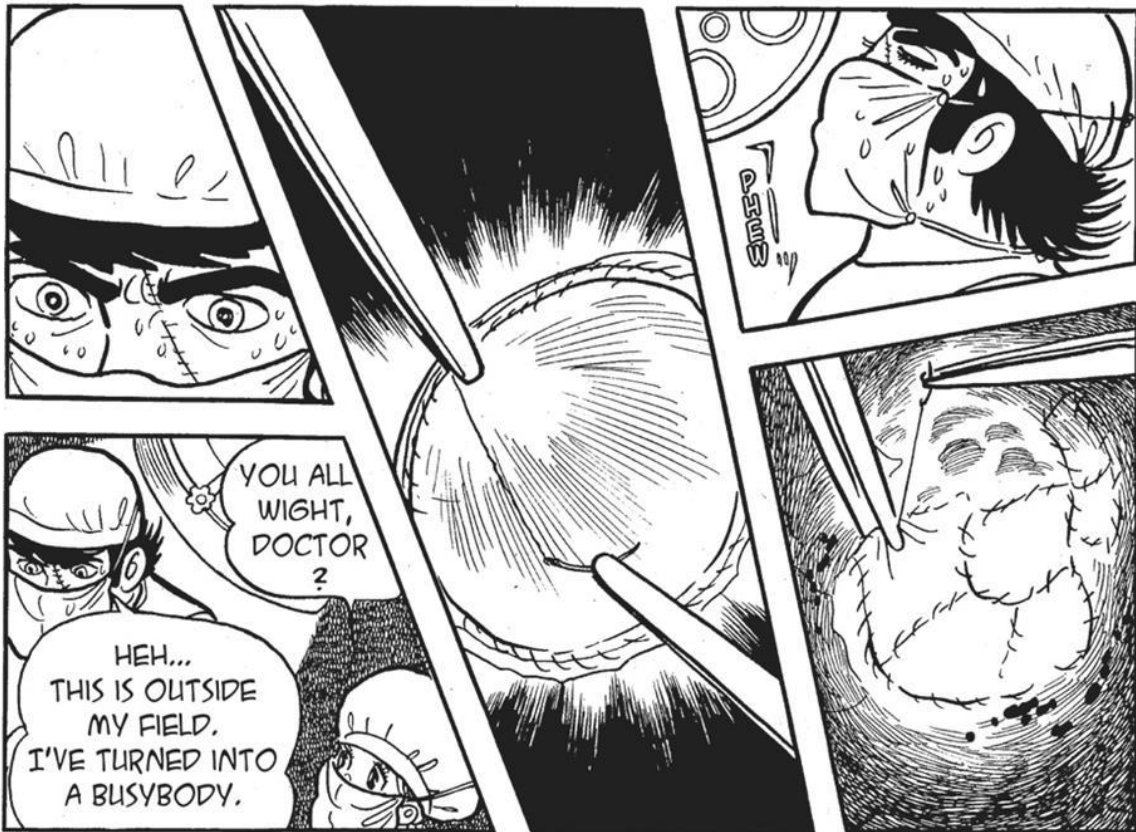


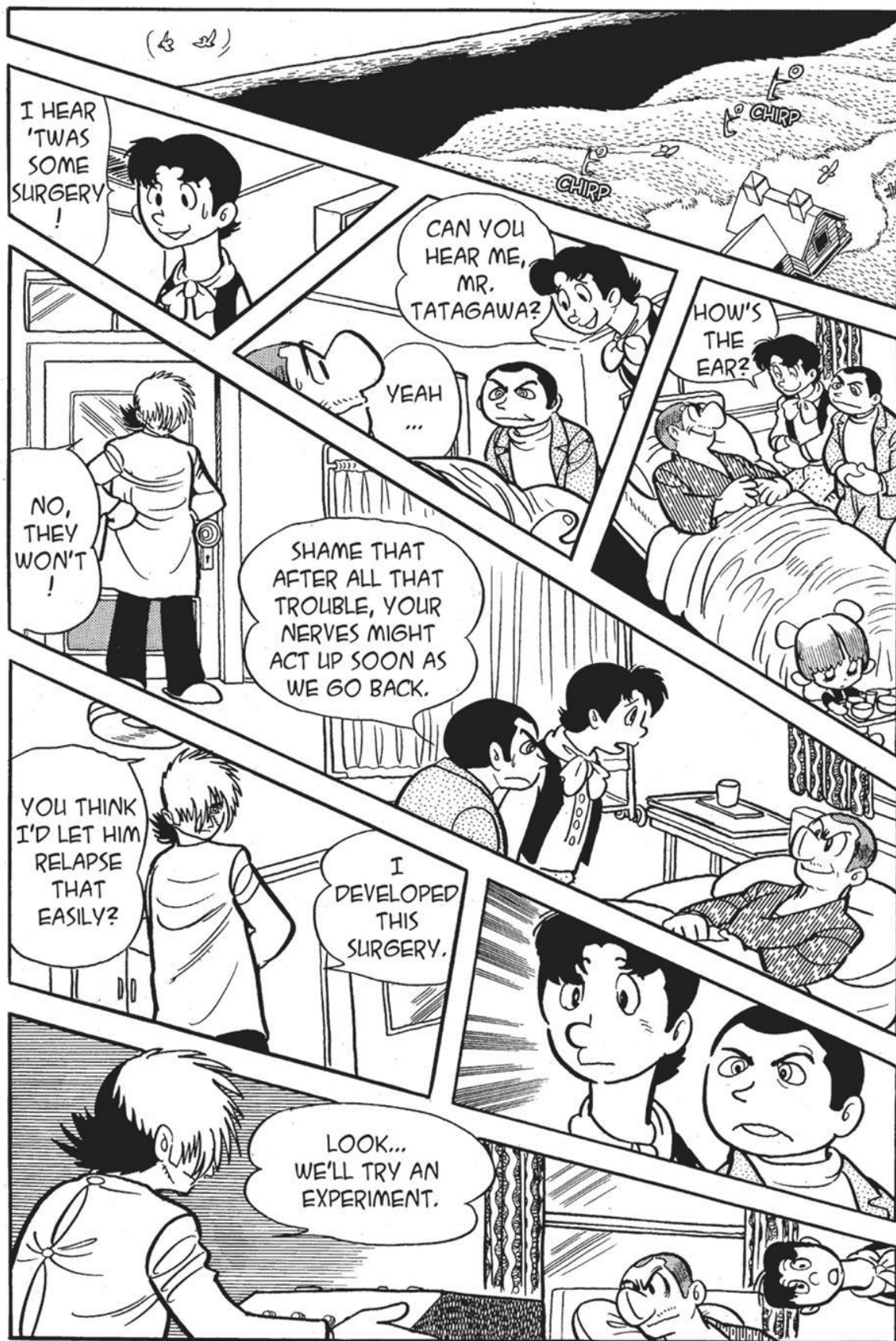




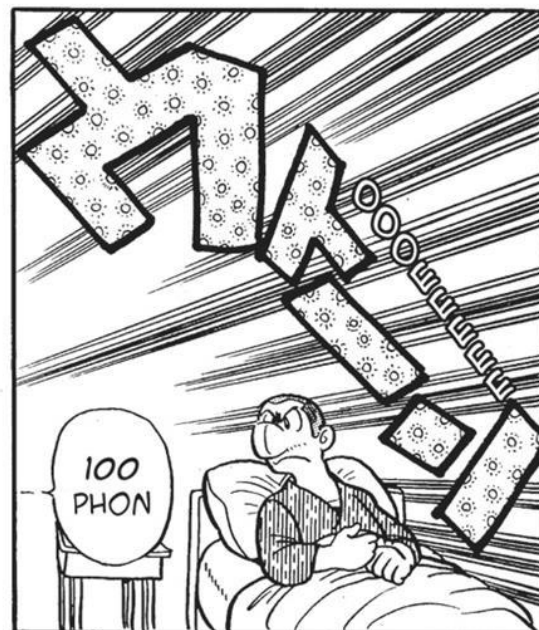
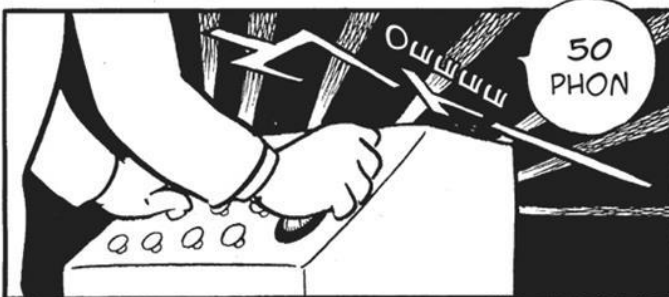
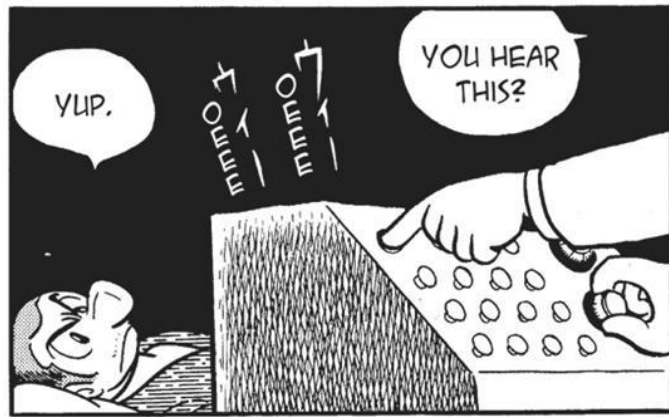


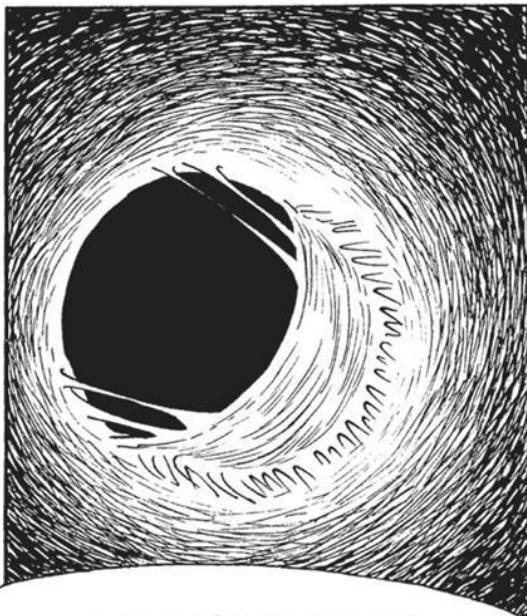
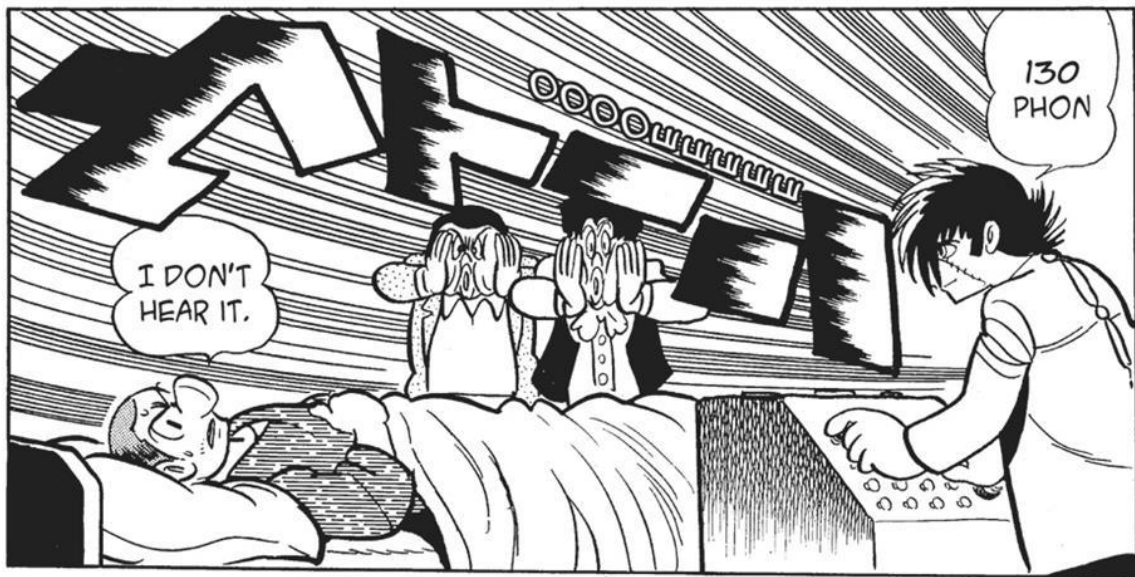






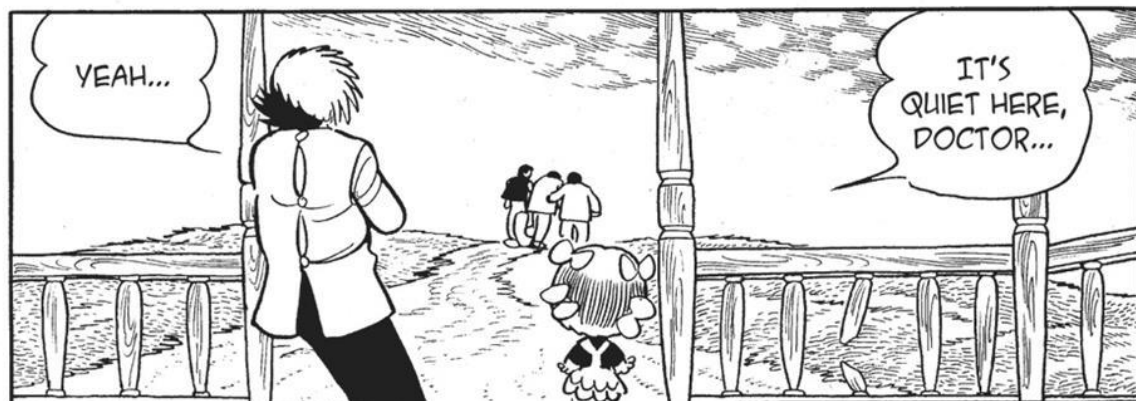


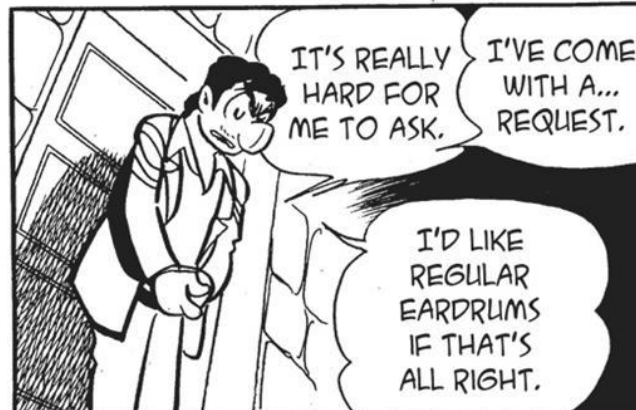
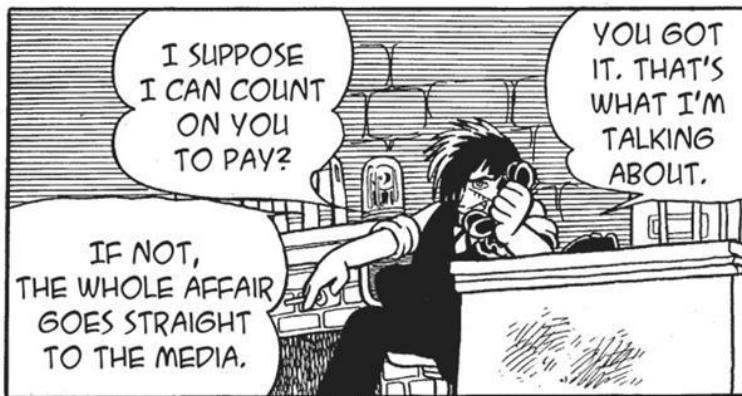




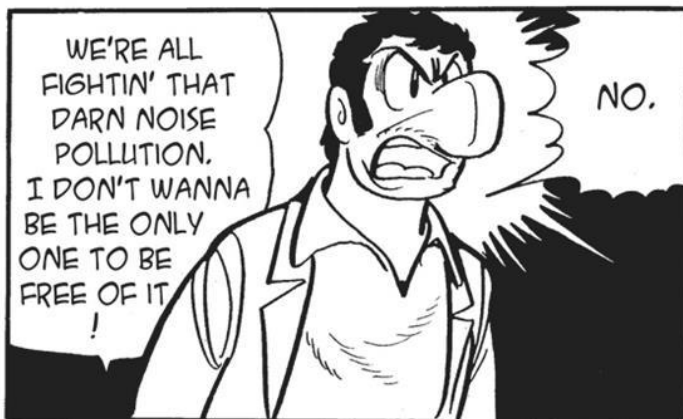
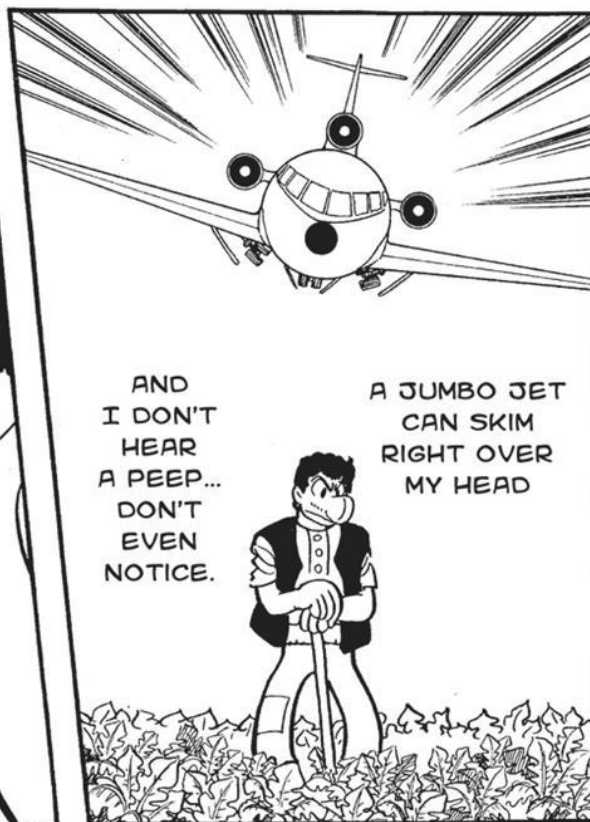
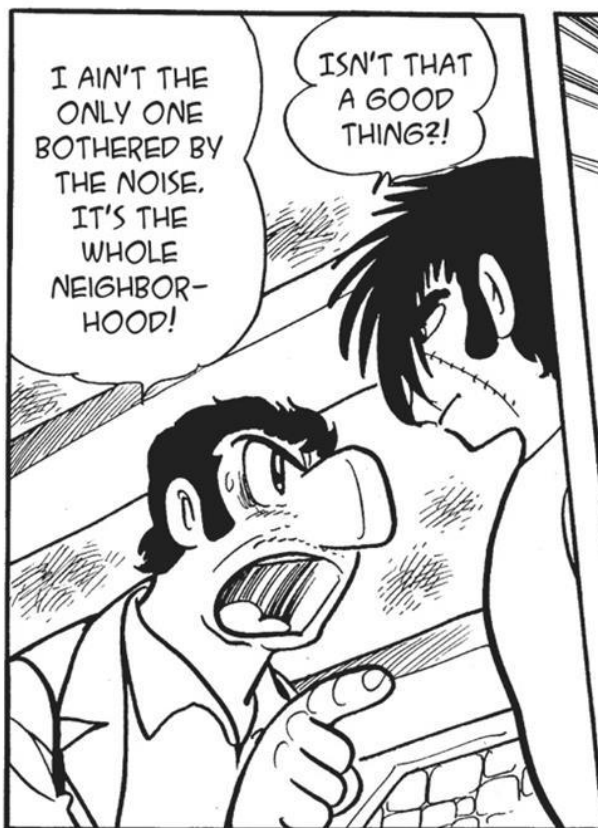
AT A CERTAIN VOLUME, THE MEMBRANE IN THE EAR CANAL CONTRACTS, AND THE EARDRUM IS PUSHED TO ONE SIDE, LEAVING A GAP.

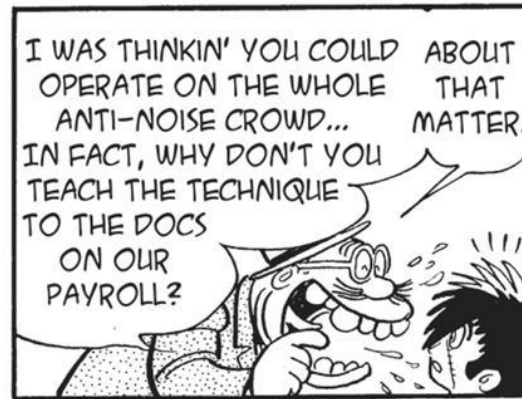
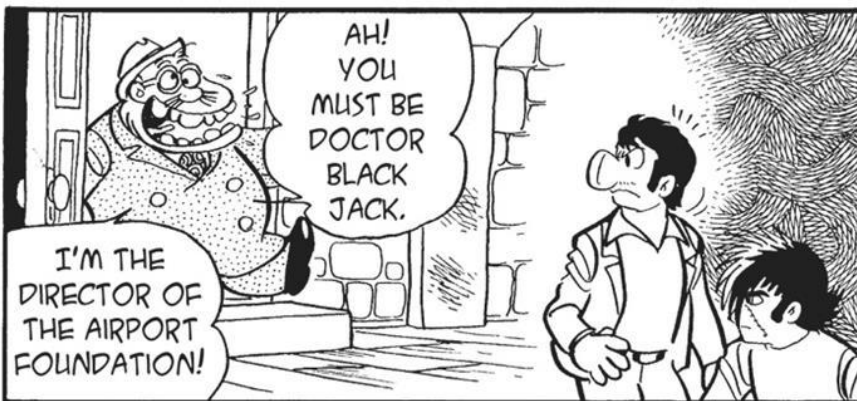
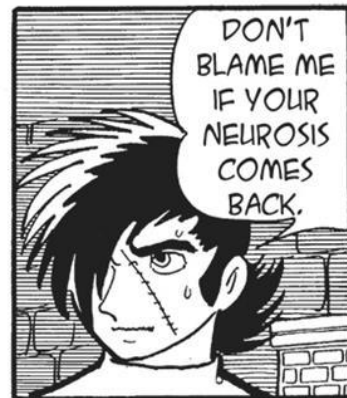








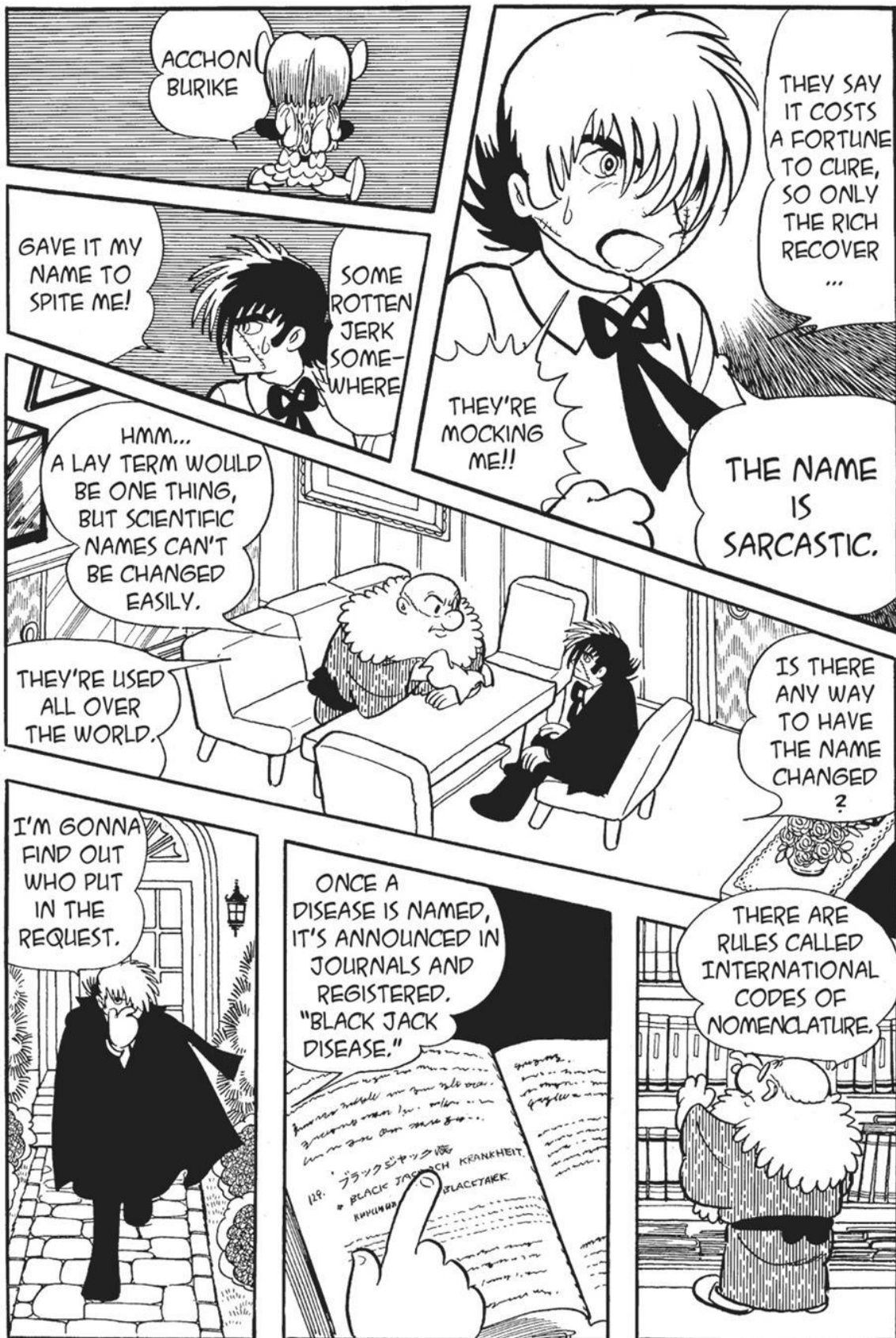




# BLACK JACK DISEASE









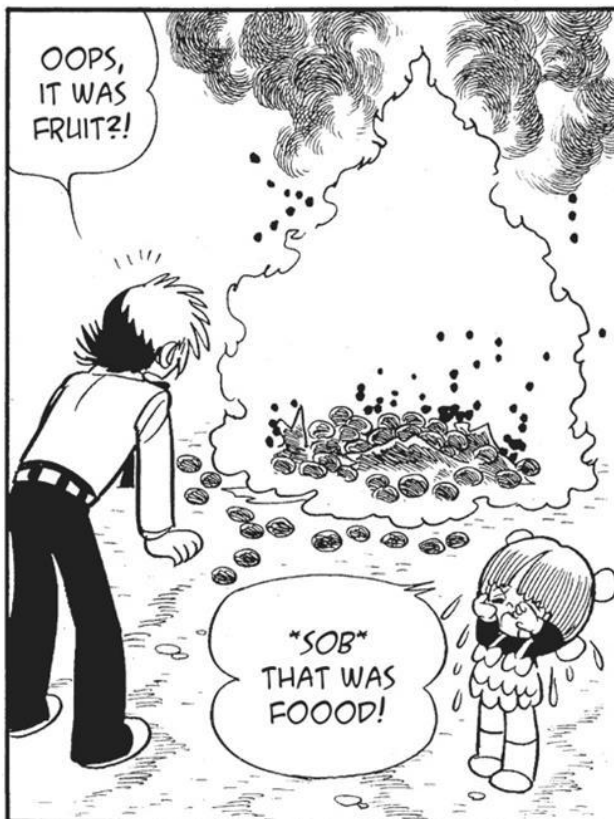
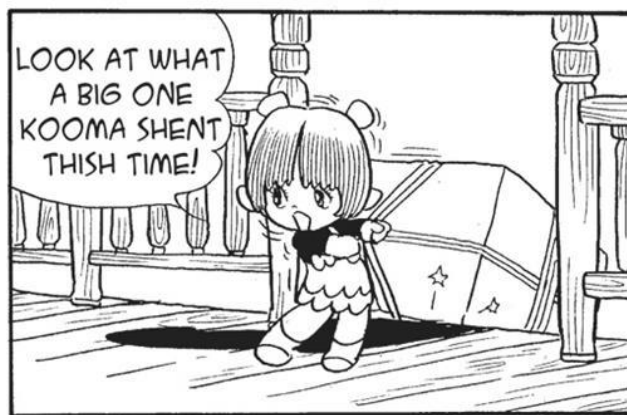


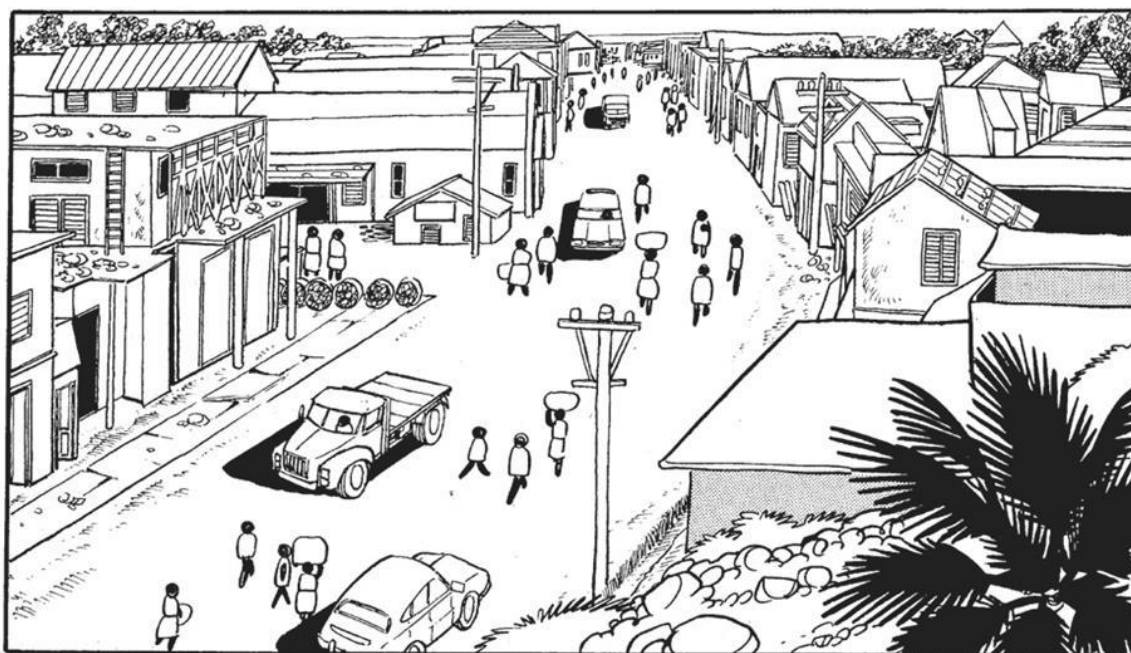
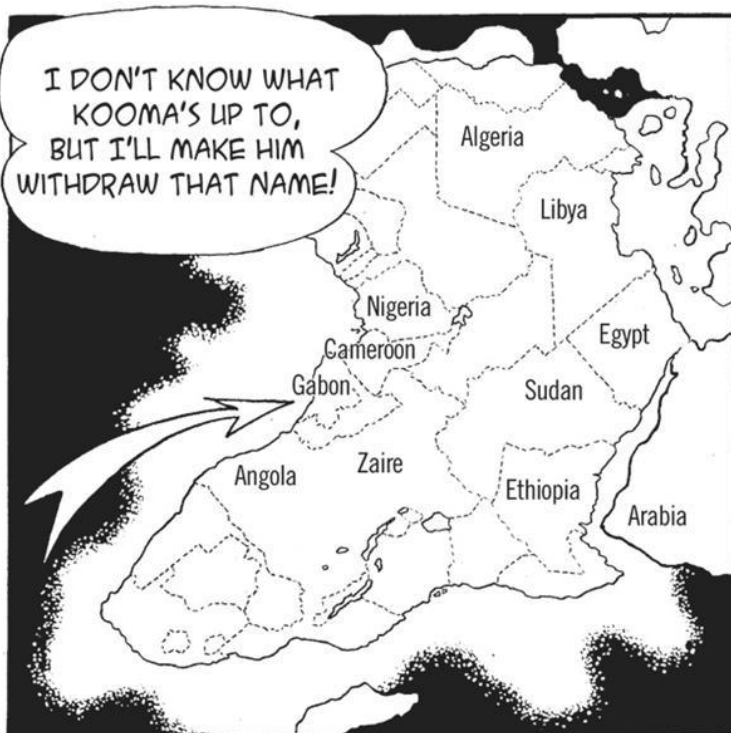
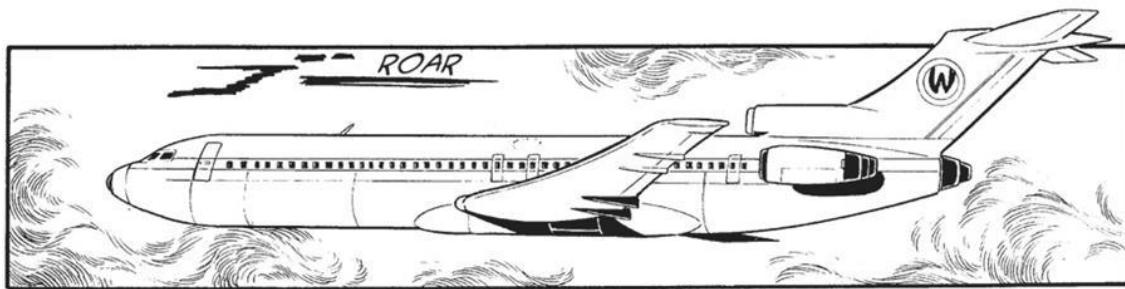


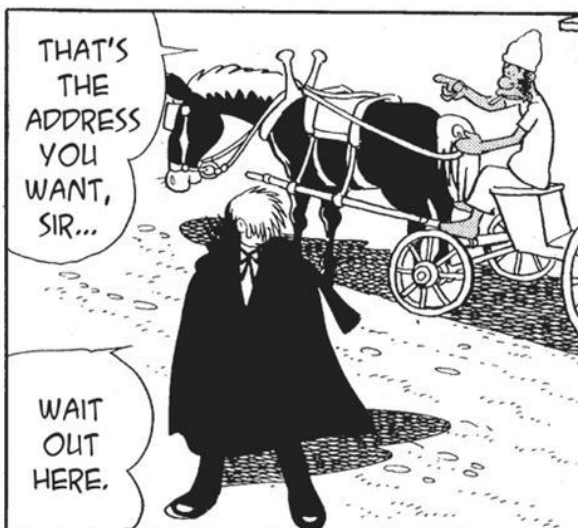
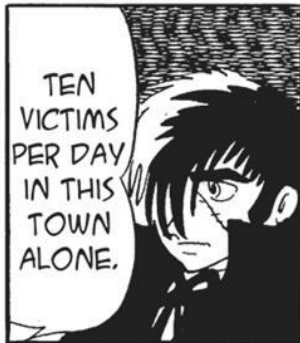
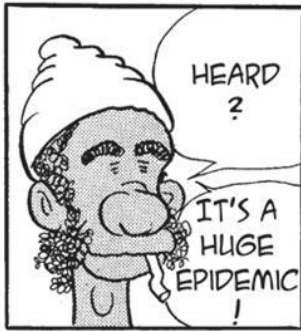
Doctor Black Jack,  
I have sent more stomachs  
with Black Jack Disease.  
The illness is now spreading  
rapidly in these parts.  
It's your disease,  
so please pay a visit.  
  
Kooma, from Okonja, Gabon

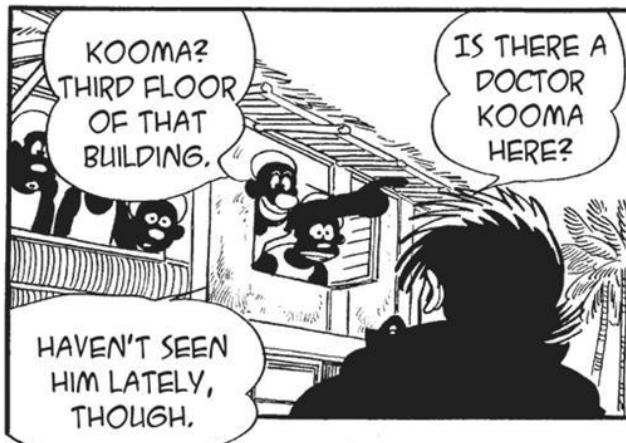




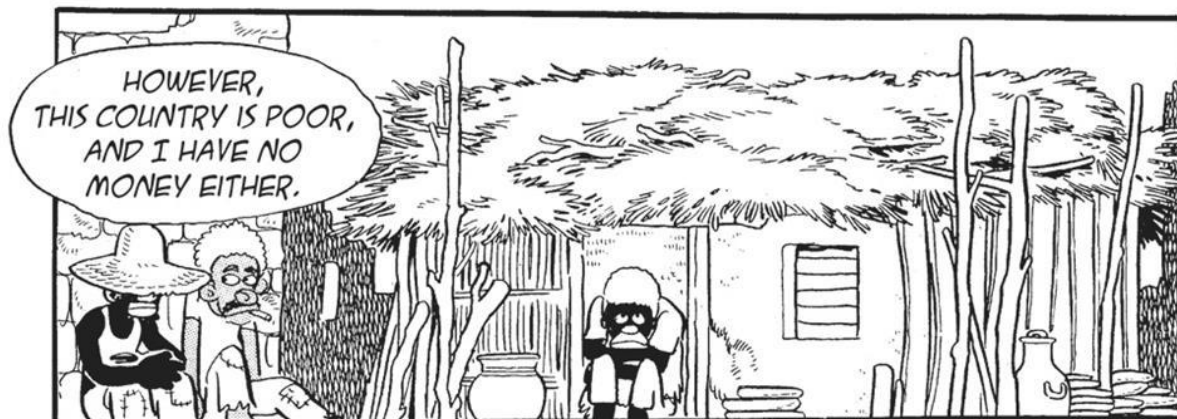
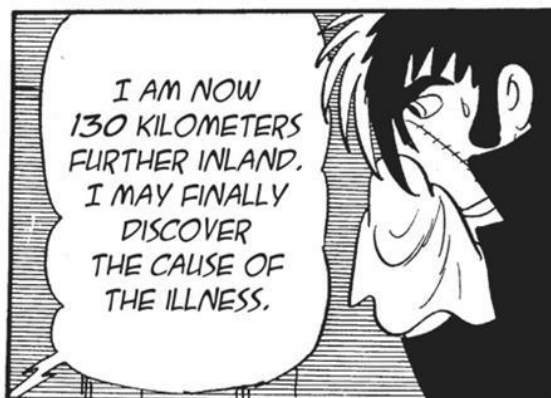


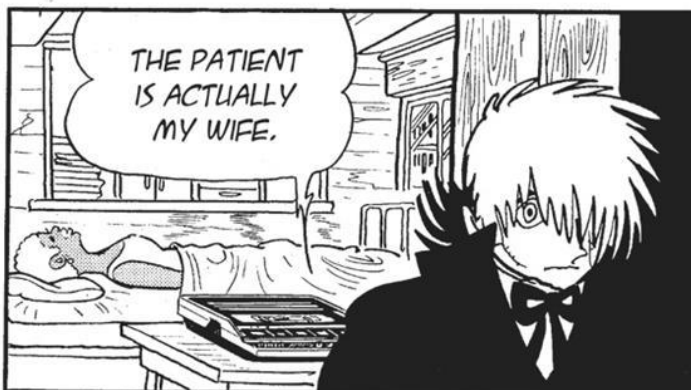
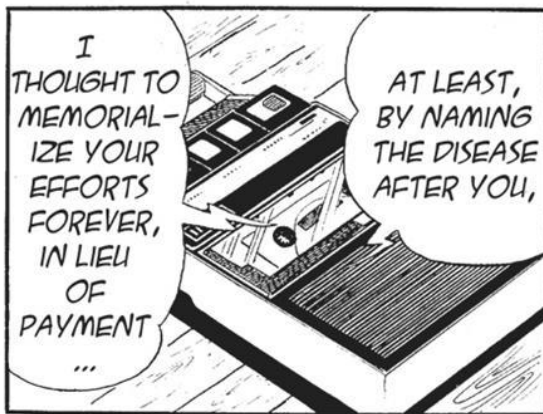


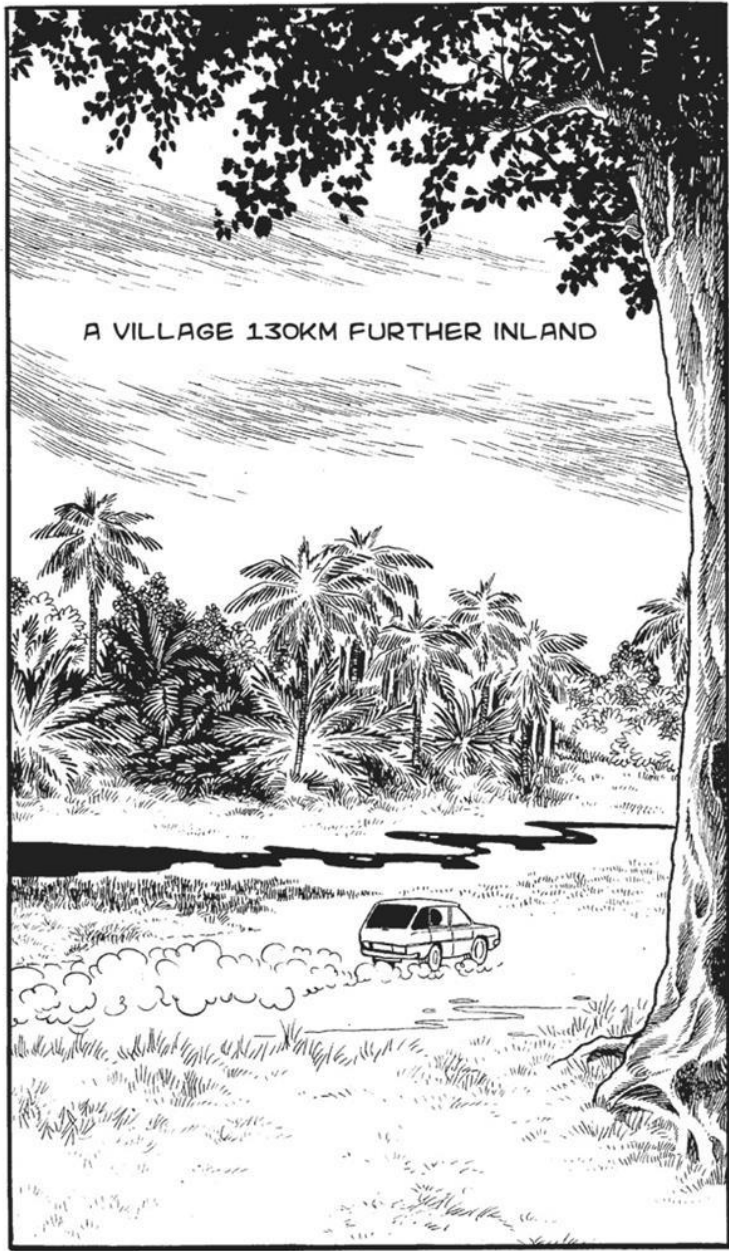


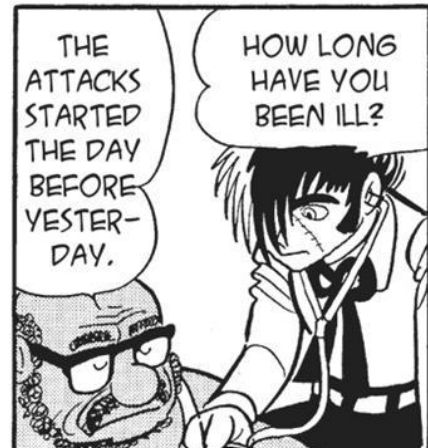
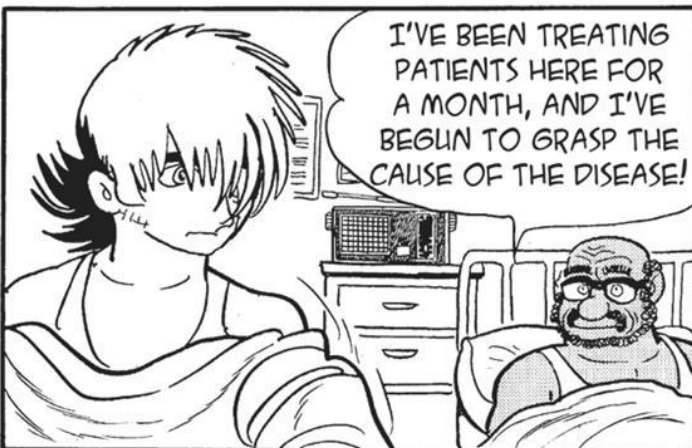




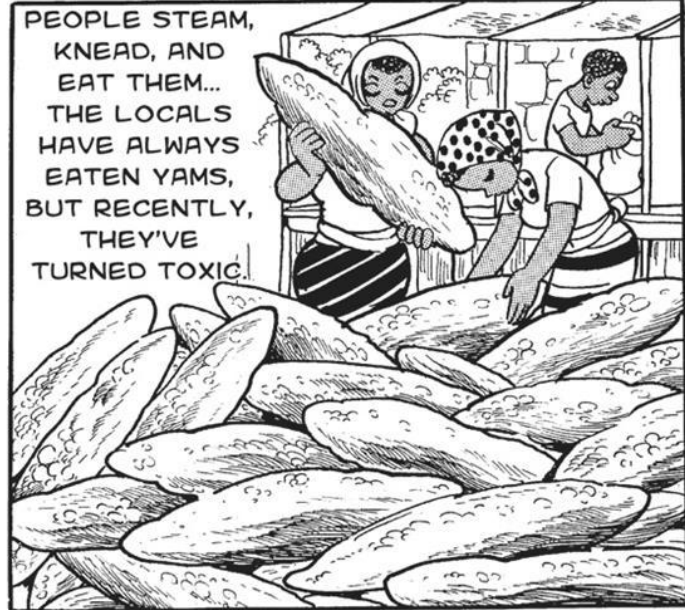
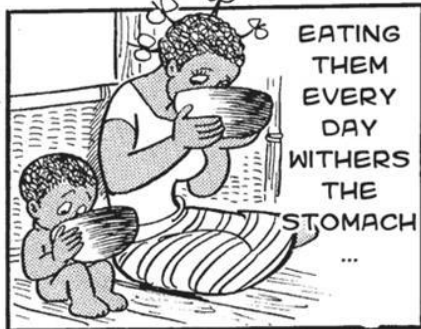


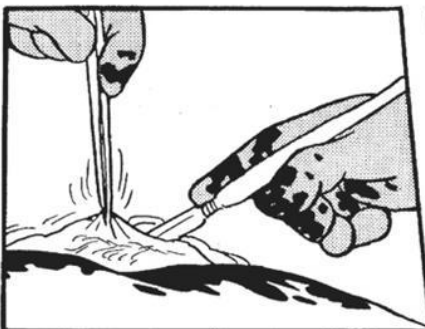
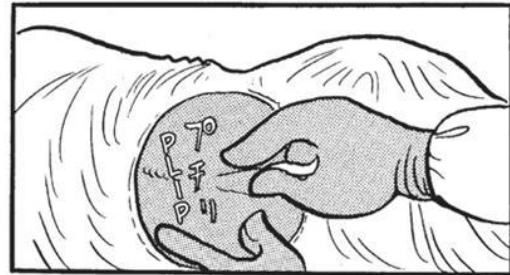
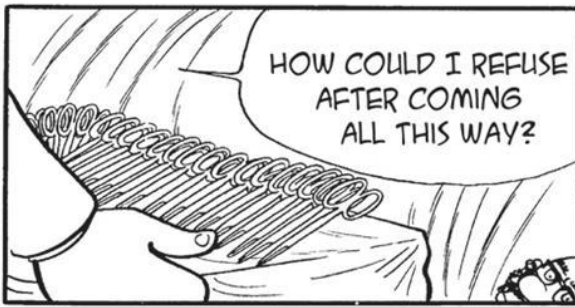


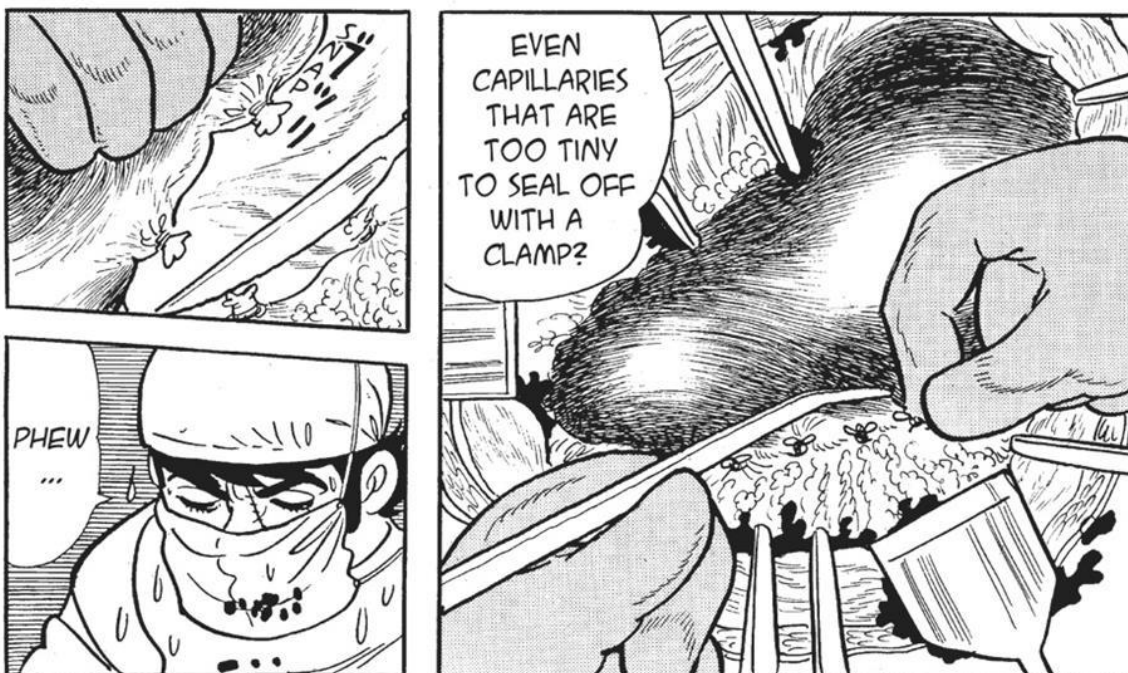
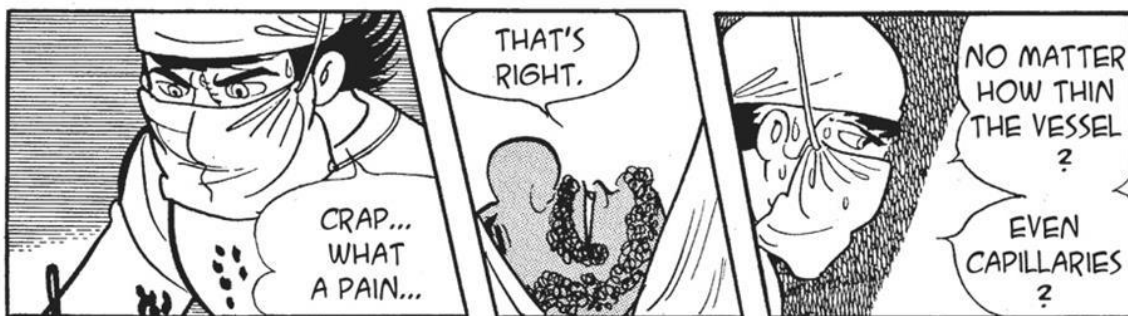


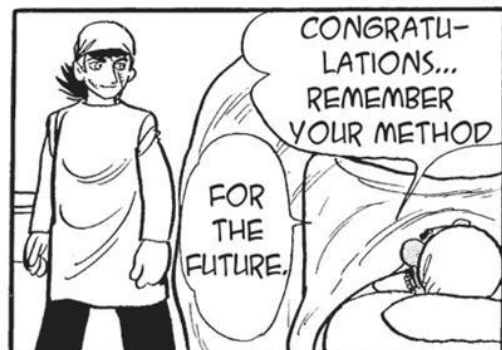
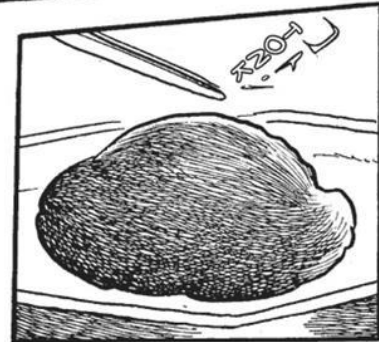
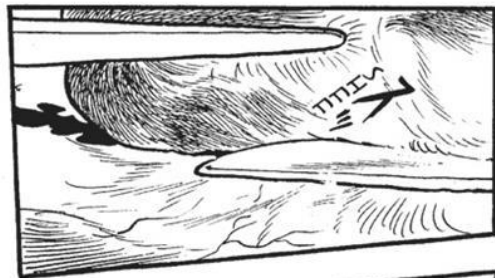






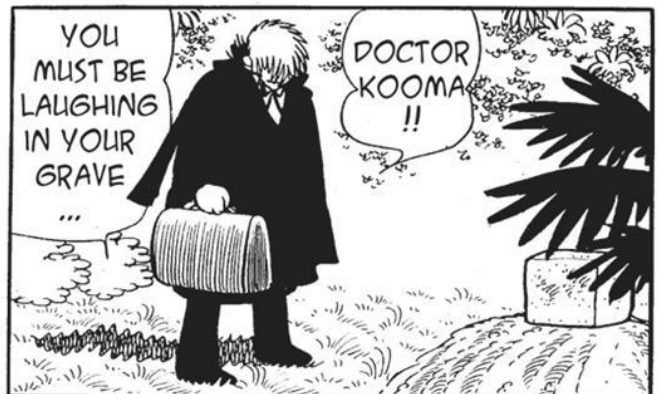
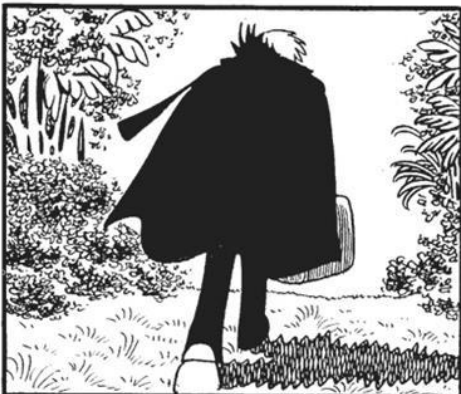


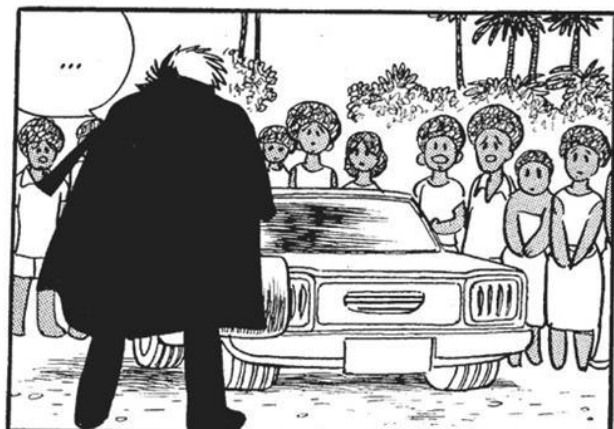
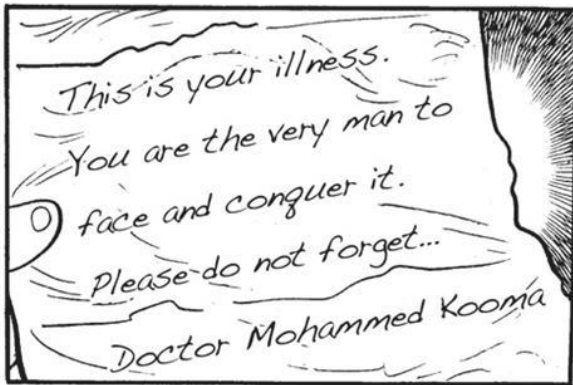






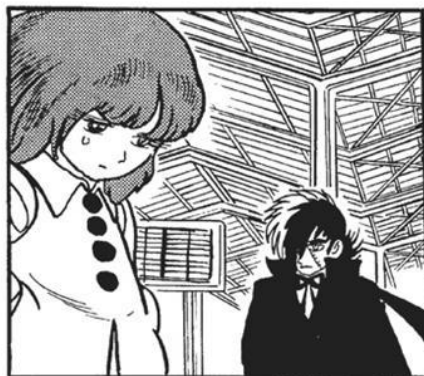


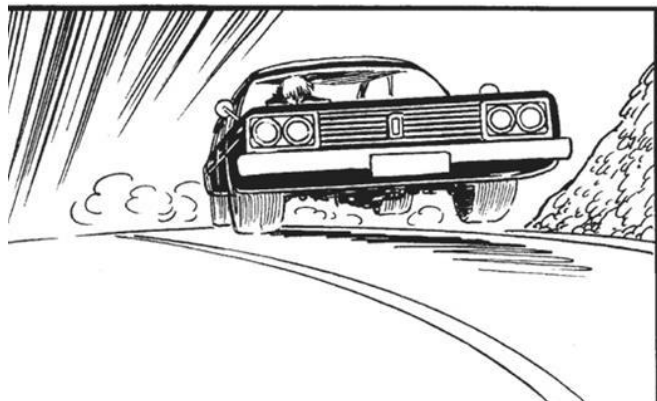
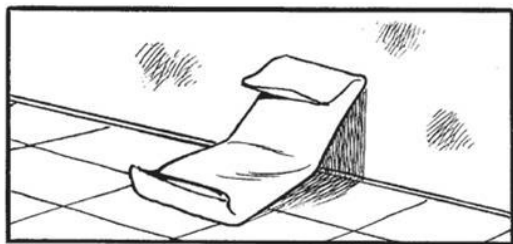
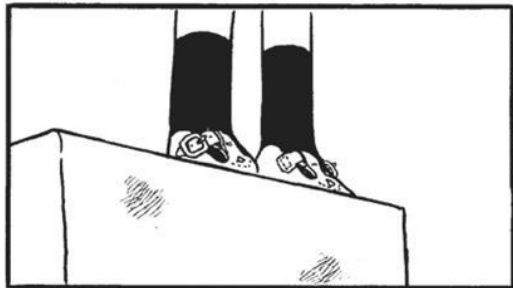
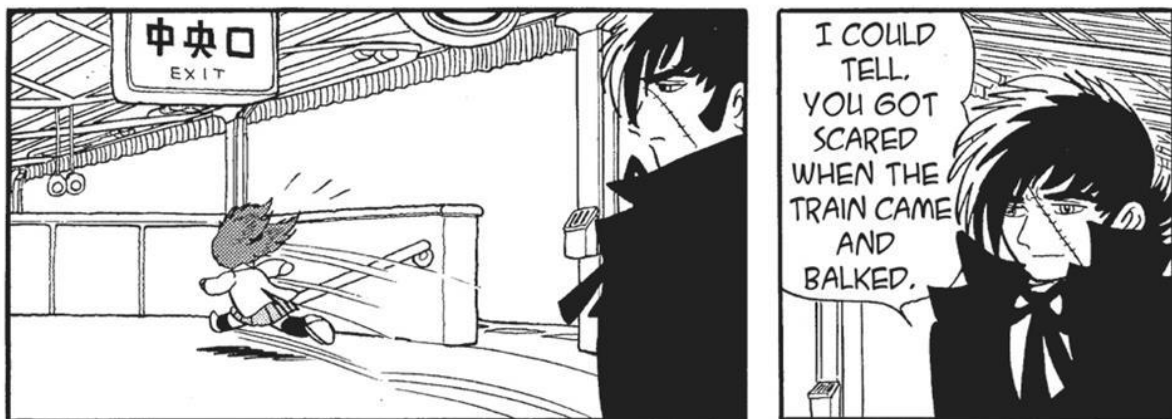




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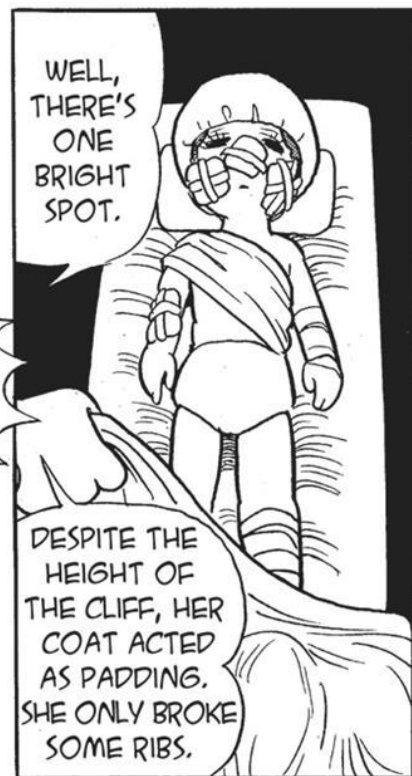




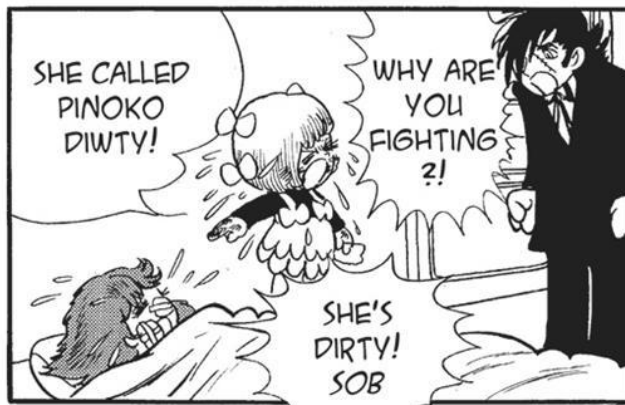


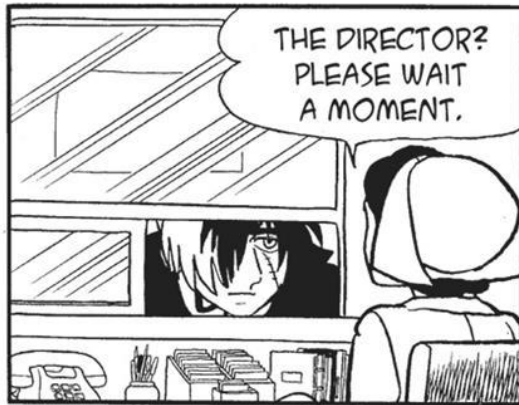


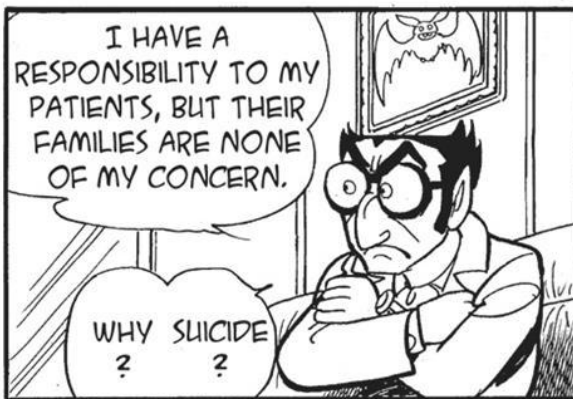
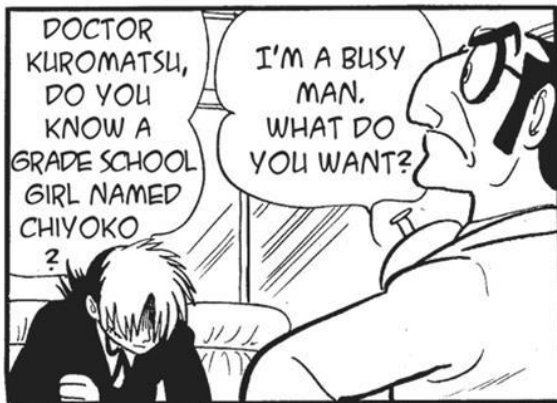


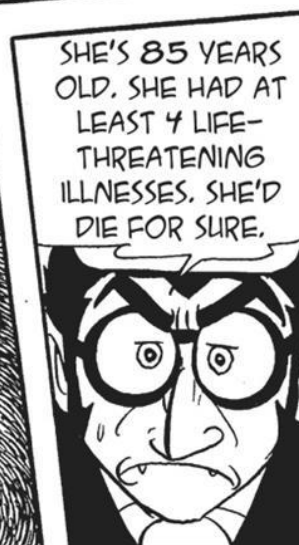
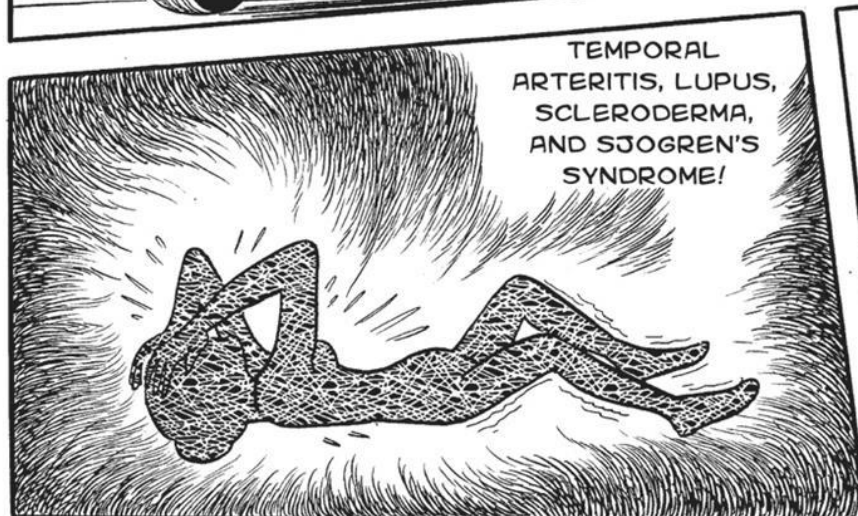
















HOW MUCH DID IT COST?

LET'S SEE. A LOT. 10 OR 20 MILLION WOULDN'T COVER IT.

WAS THE FAMILY ABLE TO PAY?

THEY BLEW THROUGH A FORTUNE TO SAVE THE OLD LADY, HONORING OUR AGREEMENT.

THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE HER HOSPITALIZED ANYMORE.

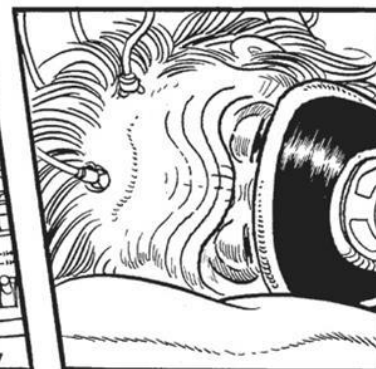
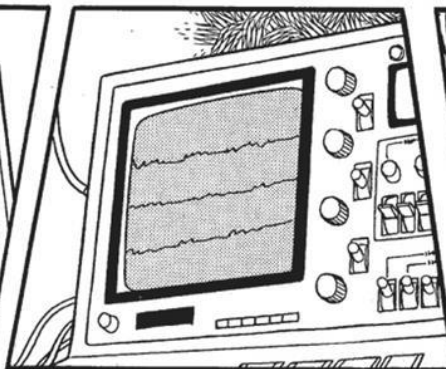
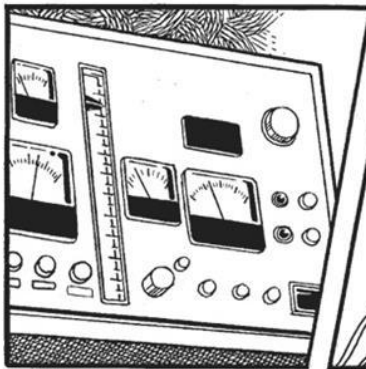
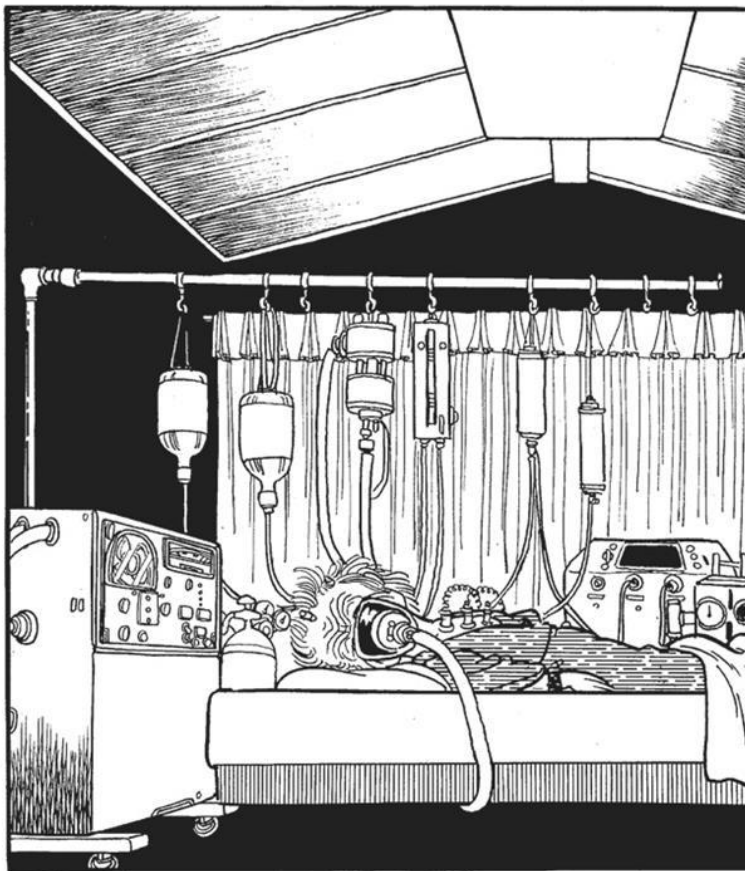
INDEED. I TRIED HORMONES, BLOOD PRESSURE MEDS, ANTI-INFLAMMATORIES, IMMUNO-SUPPRESSANTS ...

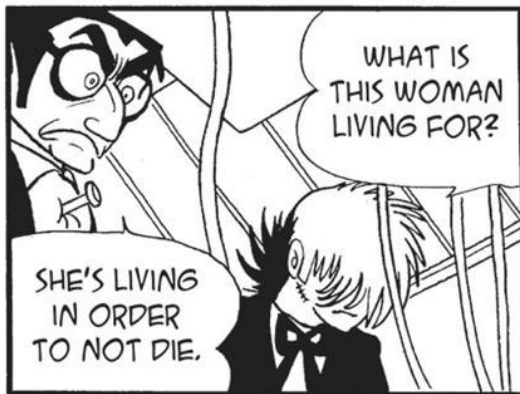
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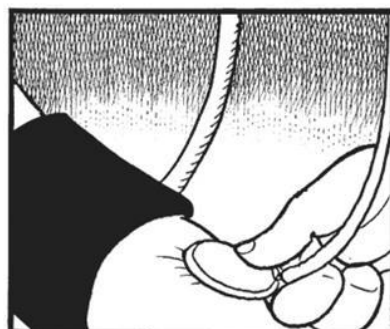
HOT-WATER MASSAGE, DIETIC THERAPY, ACUPUNCTURE. IT WENT ON FOR TEN YEARS...

I PULLED HER BACK FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH DOZENS OF TIMES.

WHY IS SHE CARED FOR AT HOME?

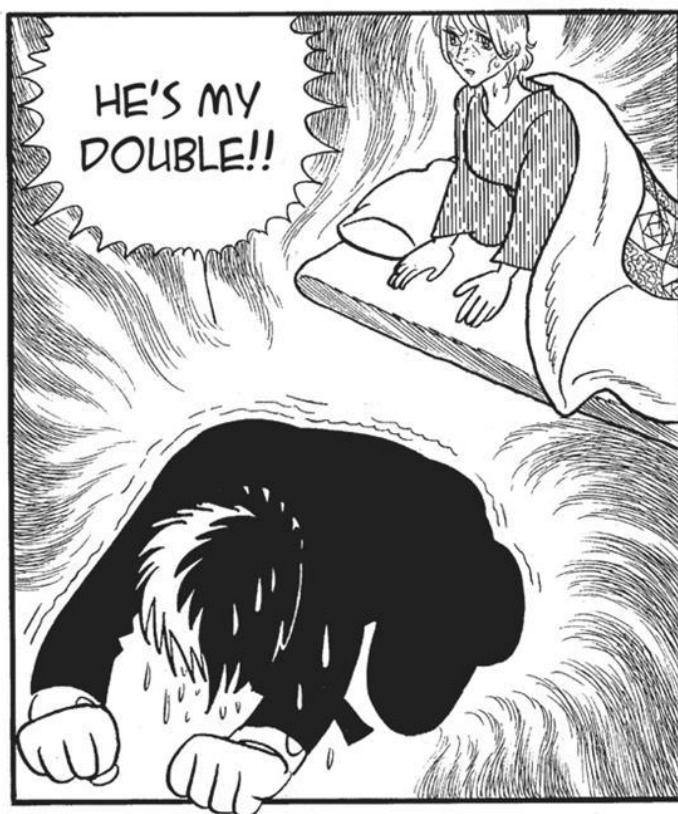














THERE'S SOMETHING  
I'D LIKE TO  
SHOW YOU.



HERE'S THE  
NOTE CHIVOKO  
WROTE  
WHEN SHE  
ATTEMPTED  
SUICIDE.



DOCTOR  
KURO-  
MATSU  
!!

YOU DON'T  
GIVE UP,  
DO YOU?!



YOU FORCED THE  
TREATMENT WITHOUT ONE  
RELATIVE'S CONSENT,  
ULTIMATELY DRIVING  
HER TO SUICIDE.

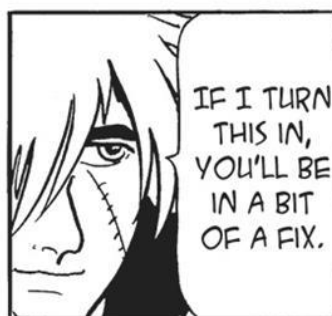
ACCORDING  
TO THIS,  
SHE  
OPPOSES  
THE  
TREAT-  
MENT.

~~Morning & Son.~~  
I'm against treating  
Grandma. We're losing  
our money, and you're  
going to get sick too.  
Chivoko doesn't know  
what to do. I don't  
want to die.  
Goodbye.



GIVE ME  
THAT!!

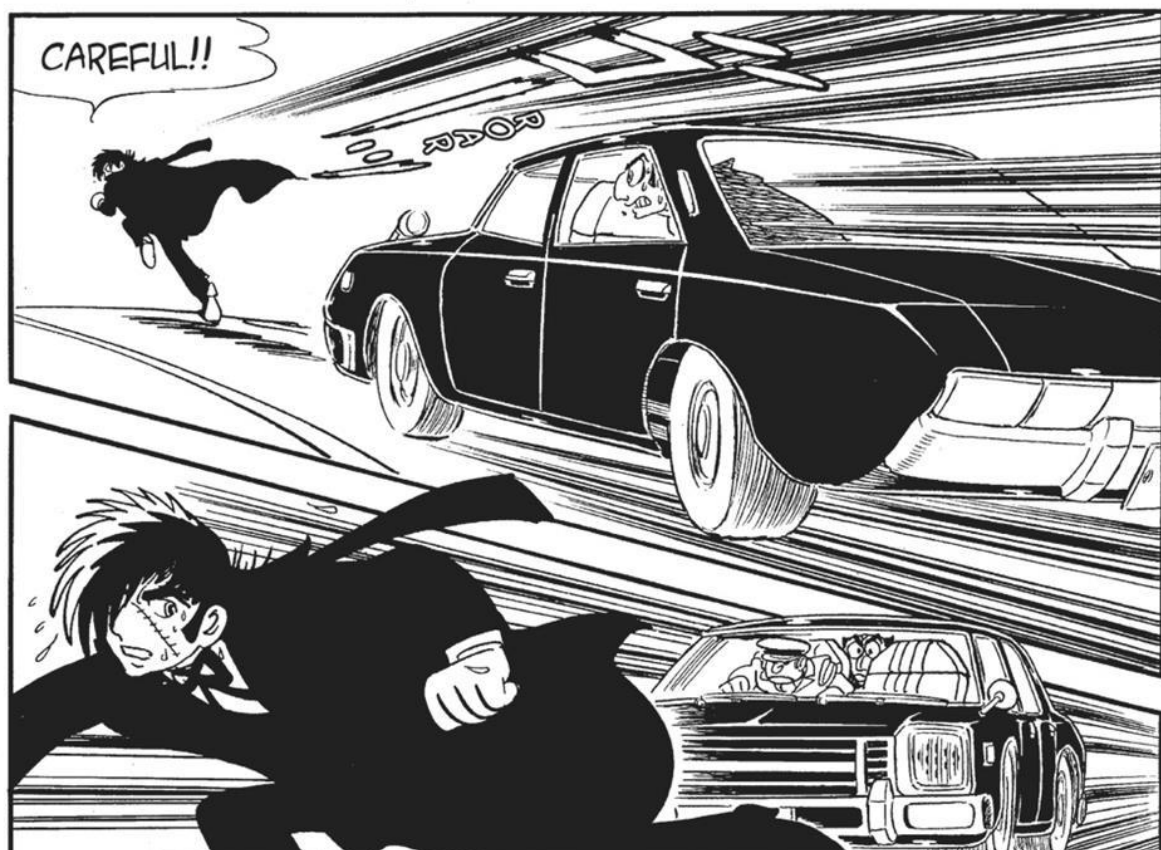
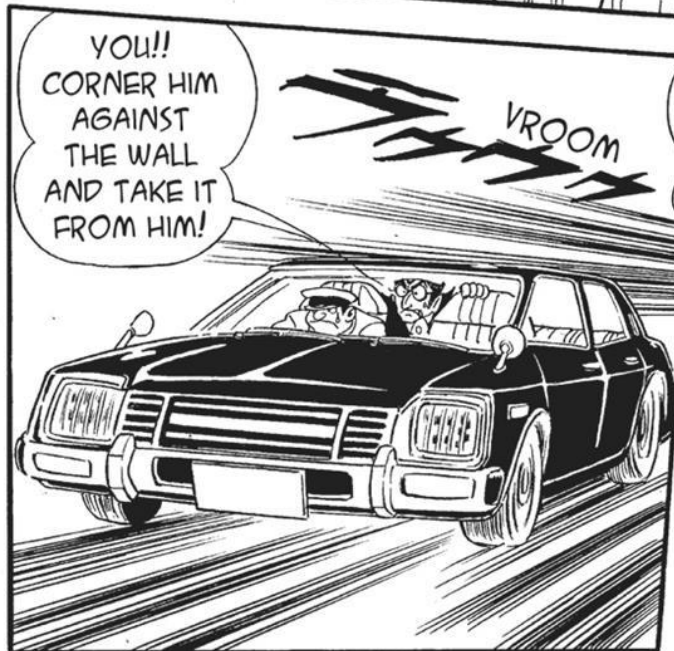
I'D  
RATHER  
NOT.



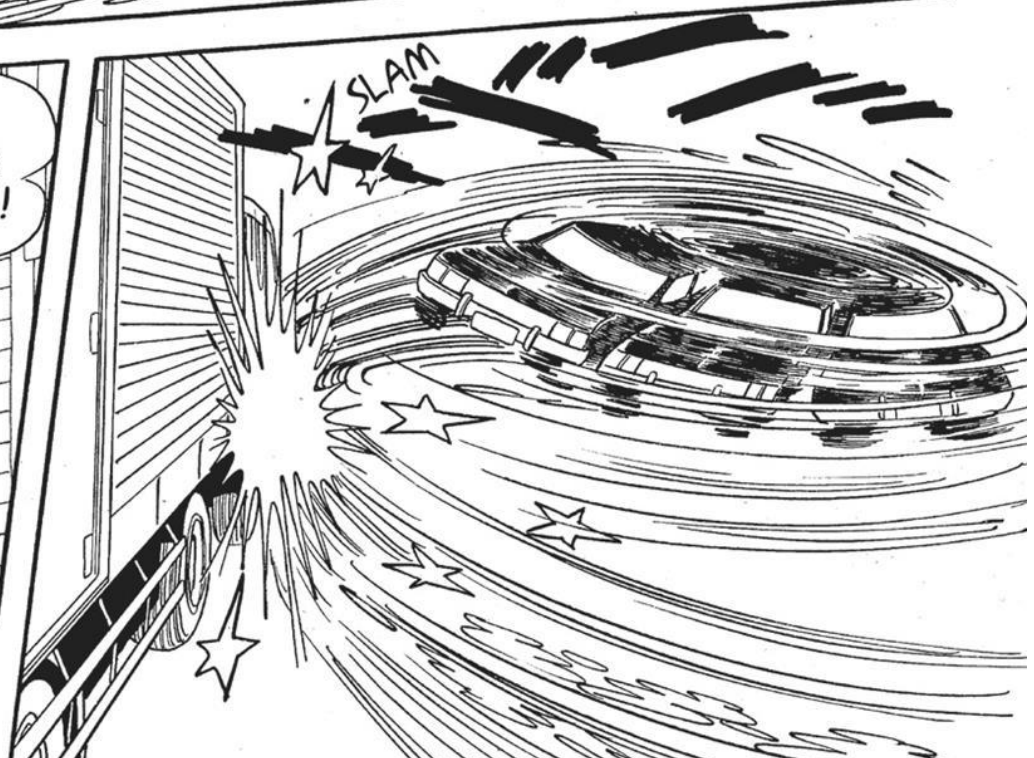
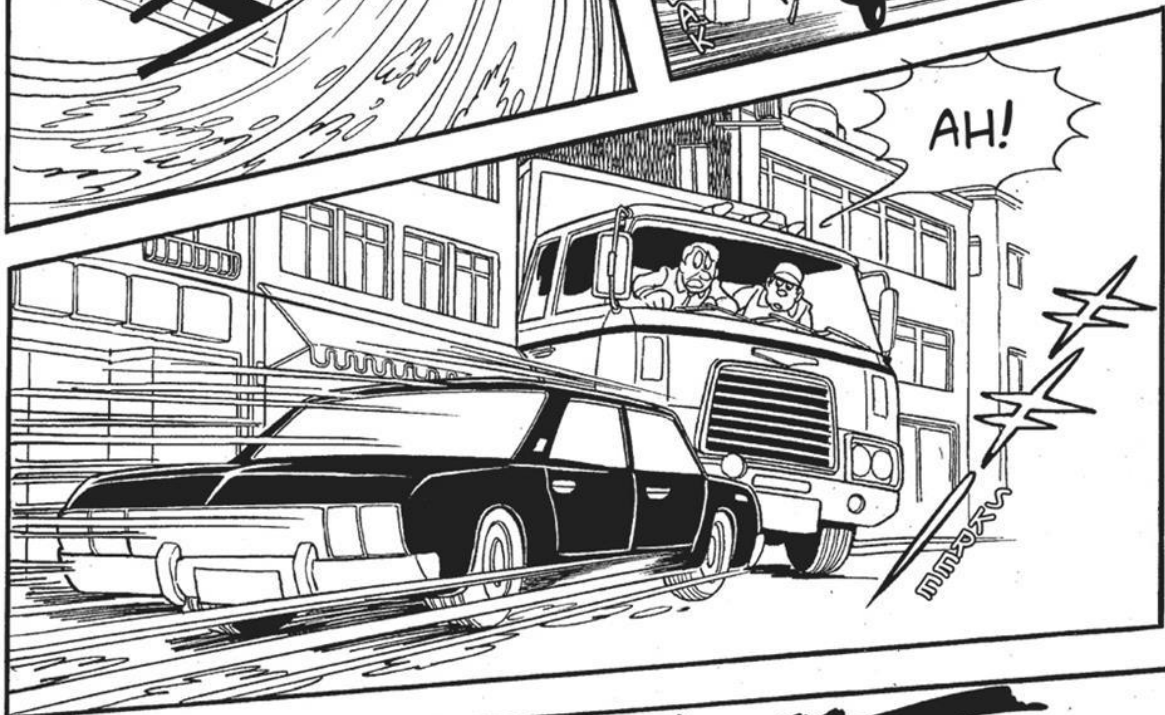
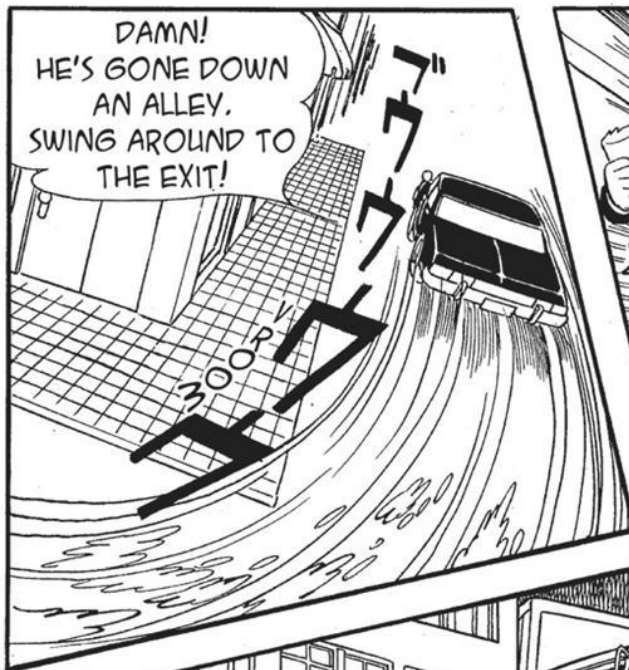
IF I TURN  
THIS IN,  
YOU'LL BE  
IN A BIT  
OF A FIX.



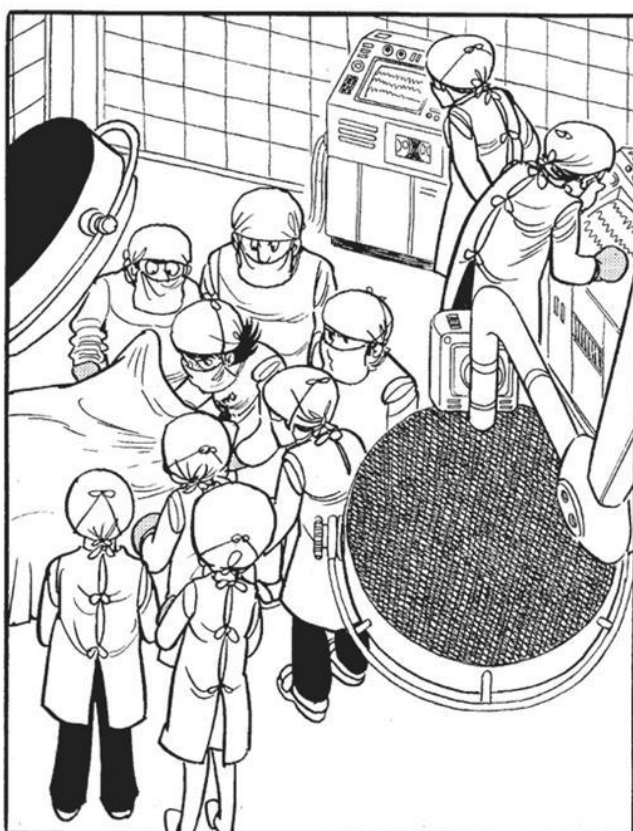
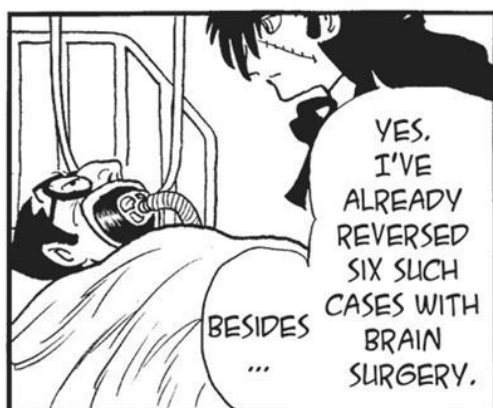
SO?

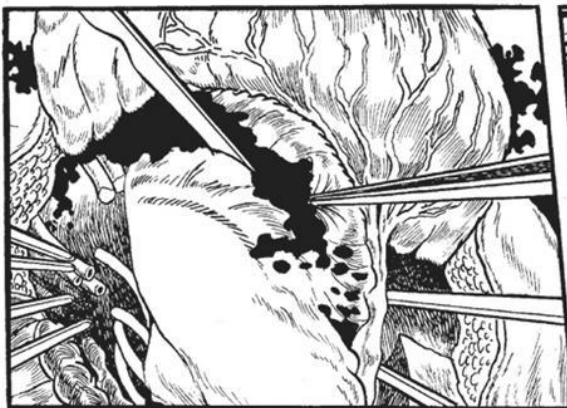
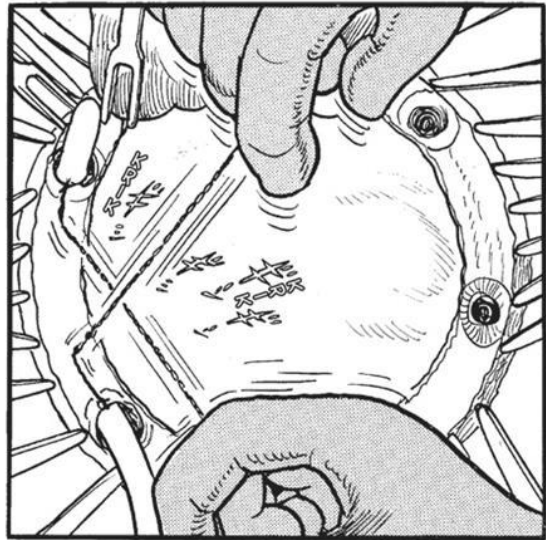




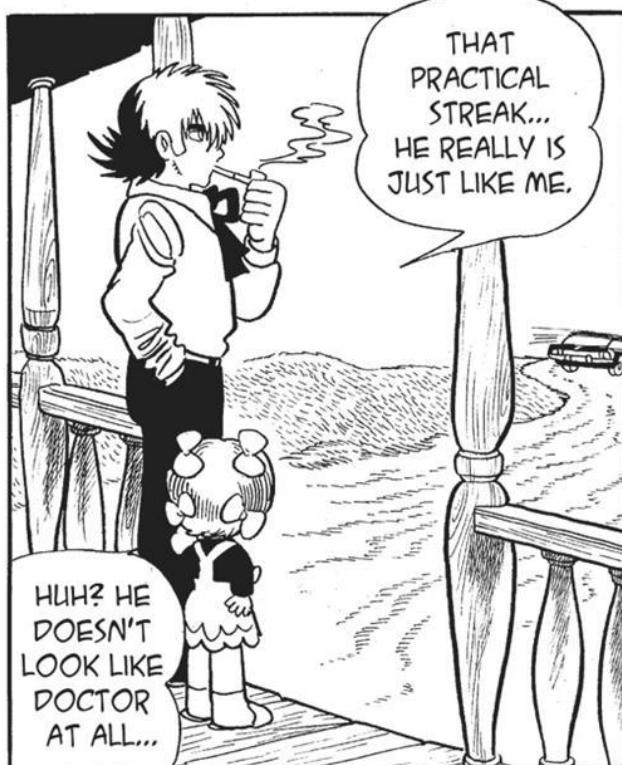
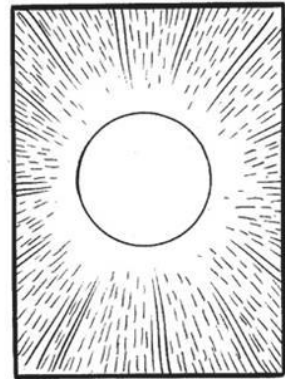




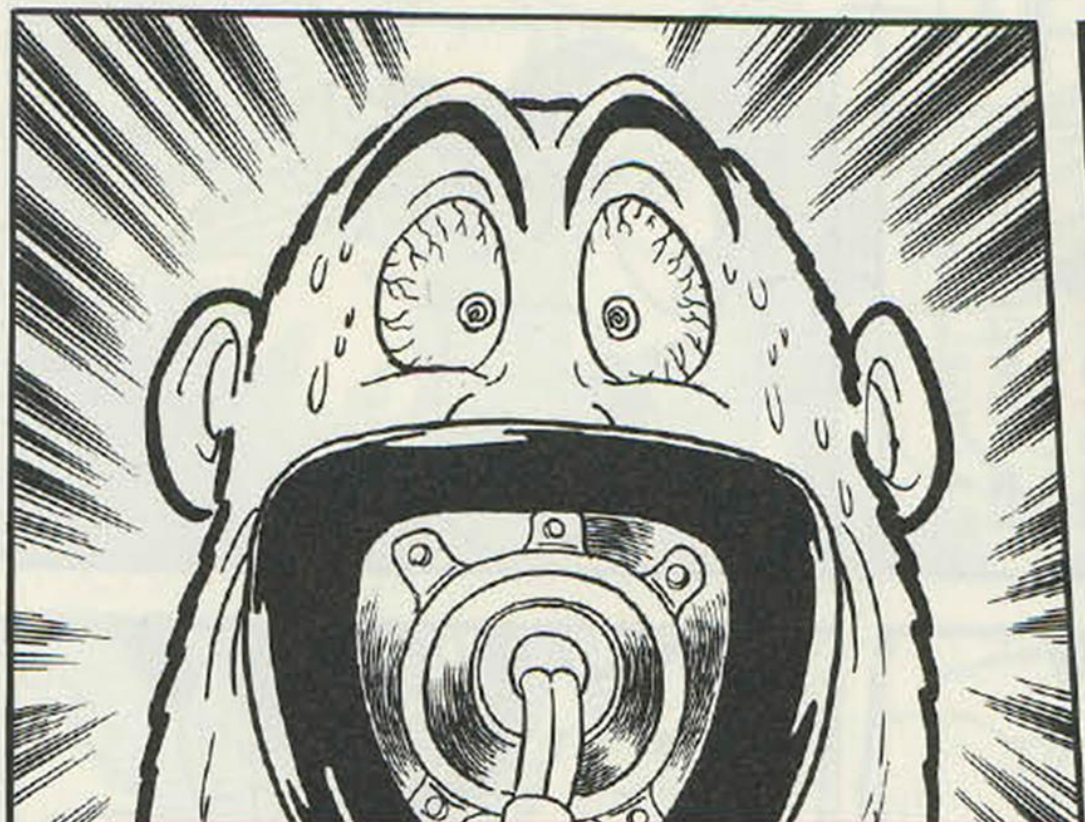
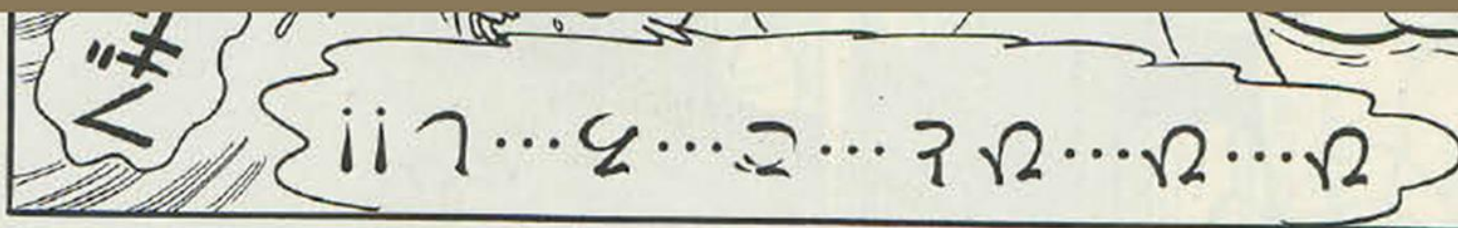








// A PEERLESS MEDICAL DRAMA //



"IT IS PROBABLY NOT EXCESSIVE TO SAY THAT EVERY JAPANESE MALE BETWEEN THE AGE OF 15 AND 40 KNOWS BLACK JACK, THE OUTLAW SURGEON . . . THESE STORIES WILL APPEAL NOT ONLY TO JAPANESE, MALES AND MANGA-FREAKS, BUT ALSO TO ANYONE IN SEARCH OF ARTFULLY TOLD TALES MADE ALL THE MORE GRIPPING BY VISUALS THAT ARE EXQUISITE AND EFFECTIVE."

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